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WILSON WILL CONSENT TO NO ABRIDGEMENT OF RIGHTS OF AMERICANS IN ANY RESPECT

"The Honor and Self Respect of the Nation is Involved" He Declares

CONGRESS IS CALMER

President Writes Letter to Chairman Stone After Two Days of Agitation

"Peace at Any Cost But the Loss of Honor"

Washington, Feb. 24.—President Wilson at the end of two days of agitation in Congress for warning Americans off armed merchantmen, wrote a letter tonight to Senator Stone, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, stating that he could not consent to the abridgement of the rights of American citizens in any respect.

"The honor and self-respect of the nation is involved", he said. "We covet peace and shall preserve it at any cost but the loss of honor."

The President expressed hope that explanations of the declared intentions of the central European powers to sink all armed merchant ships without warning would put a different aspect on a situation which now seemed to present insuperable, obstacles. "We have had no reason to question their good faith or their fidelity to their promises in the past," he added, "and I, for one, feel confident that we shall have none in the future."

Will Repeat It to Other Leaders.

The letter was in answer to one written late this afternoon by Senator Stone, outlining the situation existing at the Capitol, where since yesterday morning persistent demands had been made for some action which may lessen the possibility of war between the United States and Germany. The President's statement will be repeated tomorrow morning to Speaker Clark, Representative Kitchin, majority leader, and Representative Flood, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs committee, who late today asked for an engagement in order to explain the position in which the House found itself and ask the President for a statement of the administration's views.

The President wrote his letter during the afternoon, shutting himself up in his study while Congressional leaders vainly attempted to get him on the telephone to tell him of developments at the Capitol, and to arrange for the call of the House leaders.

He began to write after telephone conferences with cabinet members and other close advisers. His decision was to end all speculation over what the position of the government was and to let Congress and the country know what the administration believed the United States could do nothing but stand behind the right of its citizens to the freedom of the seas.

Senator Stone's Message.

The message from Senator Stone, to which the President's letter was a reply follows:

"Dear Mr. President:

"Since Senator Kern, Mr. Flood and I talked with you on Monday evening, Iam more troubled than I have been for many a day. I have not felt authorized to repeat our conversation, but I have attempted in response to numerous inquiries from my colleagues, to state them within the confidence that they should observe, by general understanding of your attitude. I have stated my understanding of your attitude to be substantially as follows:

"That while you would deeply regret the rejection by Great Britain of Mr. Lansing's proposal for the disarmament of merchant vessels of the Allies with the understanding that Germany and her allies would not fire upon a merchant ship if she hauled to when summoned, not attempting to escape, and that the German warships would only exercise the admitted right of visitation and capture and would not destroy the captured ship except in circumstances that reasonably assured the safety of passengers and crew, you were of the opinion that if Great Britain and her allies rejected the proposal and insisted upon arming her merchant ships she would be within her right under international law. Also that you would feel disposed to allow armed vessels to be cleared from our ports; also that you are not favorably disposed to the idea of this government taking any definite steps towards preventing American citizens from embarking upon armed merchant vessels. Furthermore, that you would consider it your duty, if a German warship should fire upon an armed merchant vessel of the enemy upon which American citizens were passengers, to hold Germany to strict account.

"Numerous members of the Senate and the House have called to discuss this subject with me. I have felt that the members of the two houses who are to deal with this grave question were entitled to know the situation we are confronting as I understand it to be.

"I think I should say to you that the members of both houses feel deeply concerned and disturbed by what they read and hear. I have heard of some talk to the effect that some are saying that after all it may be possible that the programme of preparedness so-called has some relation to such a situation, as we are now called upon to meet. I have counseled all who have talked with me to keep cool; that this whole business is still the subject of diplomacy, and that you are striving to the utmost to bring about some peaceable acknowledgement and that in the meantime Congress should be careful not to 'ball up' a diplomatic situation by any kind of hasty and ill-considered action. However, the situation in Congress is such as to excite a sense of deep concern in the minds of careful and thoughtful men. I have felt that it is due to you to say this much.

"I think you understand my personal attitude with respect to this subject. As much and as deeply as I would hate to rad.cally disagree with you, I find it difficult for my sense of duty and responsibility to consent to plunge this nation into the vortex of this world war because of the unreasonable obstinacy of any of the powers upon the one hand, or on the other hand of foolhardiness, amounting to a sort of moral treason against the republic, of our people recklessly risking their lives on armed belligerent ships. I cannot escape the conviction that such would be so monstrous as to be indefensible.

"I want to be with you and to stand by you and I mean to do so up to the last limit; and I want to talk with you and Secretary Lansing with the utmost frankness—to confer with you and have your judgment and counsel—and I want to be kept advised as to the course of events, as it seem to me I am entitled to be. In the meantime, I am striving to prevent anything being done by any senator or any member calculated to embarrass your diplomatic negotiations. Up to the last you should be left free to act diplomatically as you think for the best to settle the questions involved. I need hardly say that my wishes is to help, not to hinder you.

"With the highest regard and most sympathetic consideration, I have the honor, Mrs. President, to be,

"Very sincerely yours,

"WILLIAM J. STONE."

Situation Remains Unchanged.

At the State Department today it was stated that in its international aspects the situation had not changed in the slightest degree for three or four days. Officials said nothing had been heard from Germany in response to the request of the United States for assurances that previous pledges given in the Lusitania and Arabic negotiations would not be nullified by the new campaign against armed ships.

Confidential advices from Berlin, however, have indicated that Germany would reply that all assaurances prev-

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President's Position On Warning Americans Against Armed Ships

Washington, Feb. 24.—President Wilson's letter setting forth his position on the question of warning Americans to keep off armed ships of the belligerents, received by Chairman Stone tonight, is as follows:

"My Dear Senator:

"I very warmly appreciate your kind and frank letter of today and feel that it calls for an equally frank reply.

"You are right in assuming that I shall do everything in my power to keep the United States out of war. I think the country will feel no uneasiness about my course in that respect. Through many anxious months I have striven for that object, amidst difficulties more manifold than can have been apparent upon the surface; and so far I have succeeded. I do not doubt that I shall continue to succeed.

"The course which the central European powers have announced their intention of following in the future with regard to undersea warfare seems for the moment to threaten insuperable obstacles, but its apparent meaning is so manifestly inconsistent with explicit assurances recently given us by those powers with regard to their treatment of merchant vessels on the high seas that I must believe that explanations will presently ensue which will put a different aspect upon it. We have had no reason to question their good faith or their fidelity to their promises in the past, and I, for one, feel confident that we shall have none in the future.

"But, in any event, our duty is clear. No nation, no group of nations, has the right while war is in progress to alter or disregard the principles which all nations have agreed upon in mitigation of the horrors and sufferings of war, and if the clear rights of Americans citizens should ever unhappily be abridged or denied by any such action, we should, it seems to me, have in honor no choice as to what our own course should be.

"For my own part, I cannot consent to any abridgement of the rights of American citizens in any respect. The honor and self-respect of the Nation is involved. We covet peace and shall preserve it at any cost but the loss of honor. To forbid our people to exercise their rights for fear we might be called upon to vindicate them would be a deep humiliation indeed. It would be an implicit, all but explicit, acquiescence in the violation of the rights of mankind everywhere and of whatever nation or allegiance. It would be a deliberate abdication of our hitherto proud position as spokesmen even amidst the turmoil of war for the law and right. It would make everything this government has attempted and everything that it has accomplished during this terrible struggle of nations, meaningless and futile.

"It is important to reflect that, if in this instance we allowed expediency to take the place of principle, the door would inevitably be opened to still further concessions. Once accept a single abatement of right and many other humiliations would certainly follow, and the whole fine fabric of international law might crumble under our hands, piece by piece. What we are contending for in this matte ris of the very essence of the things that have made America a sovereign nation. She cannot yield them without conceding her own impotency as a nation and making virtual surrender of her independent position among the nations of the world.

"I am speaking my Dear Senator, in deep solemnity, without heat, with a clear consciousness of the high responsibilities of my office, and as your sincere and devoted friend. If we should unhappily differ, we shall differ as friends, but where issues so momentous as there are involved we must, just because we are friends, speak our minds without reservation.

"Faithfully yours,

"WOODROW WILSON."

MAY INVESTIGATE COTTON EXCHANGE

New York Operators Charged With Depressing Prices

THROUGH A CONSPIRACY

Congressmen from Cotton Growing States Will Urge Investigation by Congress—Bill to Regulate Exchanges.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Democrats of the House from the cotton growing states held a conference at the House office building tonight and determined to urge Congress to investigate the New York cotton exchange to ascertain whether there is a bear conspiracy to depress the price of cotton. It also was agreed to propose a bill to further regulate cotton exchanges.

The conference adopted a resolution charging that the New York cotton exchange had "defrauded the producers of cotton out of millions of dollars on the crop of 1915 by unfair manipulation of prices", and authorizing the chairman, Representative Heflin, of Alabama, to appoint a committee to draft and introduce in Congress a resolution calling for "an immediate, full and complete investigation" of the exchange. his committee is to be composed of one representative in Congress from each of the cotton growing states.

The committee also is to draft a bill for the further regulation of the cotton exchanges of the United States and to submit it to the next meeting of the conference, when called for that purpose by the chairman.

Tonight's conference was called at the instance of Representative Heflin, of Alabama, who wrote letters to the governors and commissioners of agriculture of the cotton growing states urging them to present their views as to regulation of the cotton exchanges of the country. He also set forth that complaint had been made to the attorney general by three members of the House committee on agriculture that there had been a conspiracy among operators on the New York cotton exchange to hold down the price of cotton.

FIVE STILLS IN FIVE DAYS.

Ten Thousand Gallons of Beer Destroyed by Revenue Officers.

Floyd, Va., Feb. 24.—Revenue officers in this county in the past five days have destroyed five copper distilleries, poured out ten thousand gallons of beer, and confiscated three barrels of whiskey and a quantit yof low wine fermenters. The stills were operated near each other in a wooded district. The operators all escaped. The three barrels of whiskey will be sold, it is understood, and the proceeds given to the government.

IS OVER NORTH CAROLINA

Storm Moving Northeastward Has Increased in Intensity.

Washington, Feb. 24.—The center of the storm that was over Georgia Wednesday night has moved northeastward to North Carolina and has increased considerably in intensity, the Weather Bureau announced tonight. It caused general precipitation east of the Mississippi river, but in the South Atlantic, East Gulf States and Tennessee, the weather will be fair Friday and Saturday. Storm warning were continued tonight from Cape Hatteras to Eastport, Me.

AWARD CUSTOM HOUSE CONTRACT BY APRIL 1

Wilmington Structure to be Completed in 22 Months

Bids to be Opened March 23—Supervising Architect Tells Mr. Godwin it Will be One of Finest Built by Government in Years.

(Special Star Telegram).

Washington, Feb. 24.—Bids for the handsome Wilmington customs house will be opened on March 23, and the contract is expected to be awarded not later than the first of April and the building completed within 22 months from the time the contract is awarded. This, in substance, is the statement made to Representative Godwin by Treasury officials today.

Mr. Godwin called to ask that the work be hurried up and the officials showed a disposition to co-operate with him in expediting the work. The supervising architect told Mr. Godwin that the Wilmington structure when completed would be one of the finest constructed by the government in many years and that the people of the Wilmington section are to be congratulated and the faithful work of Mr. Godwin commended.

Site Selected at Edenton.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Newton announced that he had selected the Griffin site for the new postoffice at Edenton. Mr. Griffin is to receive $4,000 for the property.

Representative Doughton has recommended Pur L. Choate for appointment as rural carrier from Sparta and W. C. Irwin from Stratford.

The President sent to the Senate to-

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FORCE IN PACIFIC IS FAR TOO SMALL

One Good Enemy Warship Might Destroy Fleet.

ADMIRAL WINSLOW SAYS

Advocates a Navy General Staff—Crozier Tells of Plans for Largest New Fortifications at Mouth of Chesapeake Bay.

Washington, Feb. 24.—While the House Military committee was taking steps today towards getting its bill for increasing the regular army and federalizing the National Guard, before the House within ten days, the naval committee was being informed by Admiral Cameron McR. Winslow that the entire Pacific fleet might be an easy victim for one good enemy battleship.

Admiral Winslow said the force under his command was wholly inadequate, even with all its reserves called out, to meet any probable enemy in the Pacific. Navy Department plans for meeting an emergency there or in the Atlantic, however, he said, were confidential matters of strategy.

Greater Fortifications Planned.

Testimony of Brig. Gen. William Crozier, chief of army ordnance, before the fortifications committee obtained today, revealed that the War Department plans for coast defense contemplate placing the heaviest new fortifications at the mouth of Chesapeake Bay, which he described as one of the several places where "facilities for land operations are so good that it is worth while to especially fortify them to prevent that operation."

He believed all ships should be kept constantly in commission and fully manned in order that sufficient men might be trained.

Asked what authority he would take from the secretary and lodge in the staff, he said, he would have the entire military side of the service absolutely under the staff.

The navy war college, Admiral Winslow said, was a very valuable adjunct and other nations had followed the American lead in establishing such institutions, yet it had been nearly done away with under several secretaries. "The war college," he added, "is receiving better backing from Mr. Daniels than it has ever had."

Enactment of laws to permit promotion by selection as recommended by the Navy Department, also was urged by the admiral.

Admiral Badger told the committee the navy would need 102,815 men to man the fleet which will be in commission in 1917.

At other points, such as Rockaway Beach, New York, and San Francisco, he said 16-inch guns mounted in turrets would be added to the batteries. Of Chesapeake Bay the general added:

"We have Norfolk defended at Fort Monroe; Washington very much overdefended, and Baltimore defended. But they could come into Chesapeake Bay and establish a base along that shore, then send an army in any direction. There are few such points as that."

Charleston, S. C., and New Orleans might be damaged by long range fleet fire, he said, and 12-inch guns with high angle fire giving them a range beyond any guns afloat or contemplated for navy ships, would answer the defense purposes at such points.

Admiral Winslow told the naval committee that gunnery on American ships started on the down grade soon after it had been brought to its most

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GERMAN AGENTS PLOT TO BLOW UP STEAMER?

Double Guards on Duty at Certain Piers at Seattle

Anonymous Letter Declares Intention to Destroy Liner Halthybius En Route From Victoria, B. C., With Valuable Cargo.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 24.—Dock owners and operators were warned today by city authorities against a possible plot to destroy the Blue Funnel liner Talthybius en route here with a cargo of rubber, silk and other staples valued at $8,500,000. The Talthybius left Victoria, B. C., for this port at noon today.

Guards were doubled at certain piers today following the receipt of an anonymous letter from Tacoma by Fire Marshal Harry W. Bringhurst, declaring that German agents had left Tacoma for Seattle with the intention of destroying the liner.

FREIGHT TRAIN ATTACKED

Carried Supplies for Russia—Crew Captures Two of the Men.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 24.—Attacking a Great Northern freight train loaded with automobiles and war supplies for shipment to Russia from Seattle, in the Northern Pacific freight yards here today, six or eight men cut the air hose between cars in five places and cut the train in four sections. The train crew fought them off and captured two who gave the names of Sam Rusky and John Ross, and their nationality as Austrian. Great Northern officials said it was known that the train carried supplies from the west intended for Russia.

VERDUN IS THE SCENE OF ONE OF GREATEST BATTLES OF THE WAR

DIFFERENCES ARE SETTLED AMICABLY

By The Atlantic Coast Line And Its Conductors

MEDIATION SUCCESSFUL

Railroad Agrees to Withdraw White Audit System—Conductors Promise to Accept Any Audit by Bona Fide Employes.

Through the efforts of Judge William L. Chambers, U. S. Commissioner of Mediation, the Atlantic Coast Line officials and the conductors of the railroad have settled the controversy that had existed for the past few weeks on account of the inauguration of the White Audit system. An agreement was reached yesterday and Judge Chambers left last night for his home in Washington.

The Atlantic Coast Line agrees to withdraw the White Audit system on March 15th, while the conductors agree to withdraw the concluding paragraph of a letter, dated January 14th, addressed to Mr. P. R. Albright, general manager of the A. C. L., in which the statement was made that the general adjustment committee for the conductors of the Coast Line "hereby puts you on notice that the conductors will not stand for any of the conductors being disciplined under the proposed Audit system or any other system that you may choose to inaugurate and put into effect that has not been mutually agreed on and accepted by the Conductors' committee and all conductors properly notified."

It is further provided that the railroad company may at its pleasure after March 15th inaugurate its own system of train auditing provided the auditors doing such work are to be bona fide employes of the railroad company, to be in no way connected with with any outside individual or corporation. Certain forms that would make it difficult for the conductors to furnish a correct showing for the number of tickets collected or punched while train is en route to its destination, are also to be eliminated.

Agreement Very Satisfactory.

Judge Chambers came to Wilmington last Friday at the instance of the Atlantic Coast Line. After spending the week-end at his home in Washington, he returned to Wilmington Tuesday and immediately resumed the conferences with the representatives of the conductors and the officials of the Atlantic Coast Line.

His manner of conducting the negotiations has been highly satisfactory to both sides of the controversy. He acted simply in the capacity of mediator and held a number of conferences, the last one being yesterday morning.

"Yes, I am very glad to be able inform you that an amicable settlement has been reached through mediation of the controversy between the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and its conductors regarding the train audit system recently put into operation on the railroad against the protest of the conductors and against which a strike vote was recently taken," said Judge Chambers yesterday when he was seen by representatives of the press.

The final conference was held yesterday at noon in Judge Chambers' rooms at the Orton Hotel which was attended by officials of the road and representatives of the conductors. The settlement was in every way satisfactory to both sides.

While Mr. L. E. Sheppard, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, acting president of the National O. R. C., and Mr. W. M. Clark, thir vice-president of the O. R. C., of Grand Rapids, Mich., left for their homes last night, the members of the general adjustment committee for the Atlantic Coast Line will be in the city for a day or so yet in order to take up some other matters with the officials of the Atlantic Coast Line.

Judge Chambers declared yesterday afternoon that, while he regretted that there should have arisen any controversy between the Atlantic Coast LIne and its conductors, he personally was under some obligation to both sides for affording him an opportunity to visit Wilmington. He expressed himself as very much pleased with the city and its people.

Compliments the Press.

The terms of the agreement were secured from Judge Chambers, who when asked by representatives of the press for a statement replied:

"There is no better way of doing this, than by furnishing you a copy of all the correspondence between myself and the railroad officials and also with the general officials and committee representing the conductors."

"In doing so," Judge Chambers stated, "I beg the privilege of expressing to you as the representatives of your papers my thanks for the courteous way in which you have treated me and the scrupulous manner in which you have treated the confidence I have reposed in you during the progress of the negotiations."

Copies of Letters.

Judge Chambers yesterday sent the following letter to Mr. Lyman Delano, third vice-president of the Atlantic Coast Line, and also to Mr. W. M. Clark, vice-president of the Order of Railway Conductors, and Mr. S. J. Brooks, chairman of the general adjustment committee of the Atlantic Coast Line:

"Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 24, 1916.

"My Dear Sirs: Since the several conferences held with you and the committee, in relation to a controversy between the Atlantic Coast Line Rail-

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Incessant Firing of German Guns Answered Shell for Shell by the French

THEIR LINES UNBROKEN

Towns of Brabant, Haumont and Yand Samogneux in Hands of the Germans

Emperor Has Headquarters at Scene of Fighting

Inspired by the presence of their emperor and led by Crown Prince Frederick William, the German troops are engaged in one of the greatest battles of the war on the western front centering around the fortress of Verdun. Attack has followed attack against the French line after bombardments, incessant and terrific, continuing for several days.

While the Germans have been unable, despite the rain of shells and fierce onslaughts by the infantry, to break the French line, nevertheless the French on their right and left wings have been compelled to withdraw their lines, respectively to the south of Ornes and behind the town of Samogneux, six miles north of the fortress.

Cost of Life No Question.

Only between Malancourt and the left bank of the Meuse had there been any diminution in the intensity of the artillery fire. With Brabant, Haumont and Yand Samogneux, and the wooded sections north and northeast of Breaumont, in their possession, the Germans from the Meuse eastward to Fromsey are forcing the fighting, seemingly, regardless of the cost of life.

The French guns have answered the German guns shell for shell and the casualties on both sides are very great. The French official report describes the battlefield between the Meuse and Ornes as piled with German dead.

In Champagne at several points and in the Argonne forest German works have been pounded by the concentrated fire of the French guns, while in Lorraine the French repulsed a German reconoitering party that attempted to capture a French post north of St. Martin.

On their end of the line near Hulluch, the British exploded a mine and occupied the crater and also bombarded German trenches near Frelinghien and Boesinghe.

Engagements on Russian Front.

On the Russian front from the Riga region to East Galicia there have been engagements at various points, but no great results have been attained by either side. In the Caucasus, Petrograd reports that the Russians continue successfully to press back the Turks. The usual activities by the Austrians and Italians on the Austro-Italian front continue.

A French air squadron has dropped a large number of bombs on the outskirts of Metz, a big fire being observed after the attack.

Official announcement has been made in the Japanese diet by the minister of foreign affairs that Japan does not intend to send troops to aid the Russians.

FRENCH LINE UNBROKEN

Germans Continue Their Heavy Bombardments North of Verdun.

Paris, Feb. 24.—North of Verdun the artillery duel continued but there were no infantry attacks, says the official communication issued by the war

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THE DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE

Met at noon.

Resumed debate on water-power bill.

Objection prevented Senator Gore from introducing legislation to keep Americans off armed ships of belligerents.

Hearing continued into fitness of Louis D. Brandeis for the United States Supreme Court.

Inquiry resumed into alleged monopoly of sisal output.

Voted 34 to 12 to confirm Henry Prather Fletcher ambassador to Mexico, but final action on confirmation went over until tomorrow because those voting were less than a quorum.

Adjourned at 6:25 p. m. to noon Friday.

HOUSE

Met at noon.

Consideration of the postoffice bill continued on the floor.

Hearing on Representative London's neutrol peace congress resolution begun by the foreign affairs committee.

Admiral Winslow appeared before the naval affairs committee in executive session to testify on National defense.

Legislative, executive and judicial bill carrying $37,601,539 favorably reported.

Representative Mondel introduced bill to prohibit Americans from traveling on armed ships.

Adjourned at 5:25 p. m. to noon Friday.

GRAND JURY MAY ACT IN EATON-ROWE CASE

Regarding Charges of Salary Splitting

Chicago City Council Committee Votes to Request State's Attorney to Submit Evidence Already Heard to the Jury.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Action by the grand jury appeared tonight as among the possibilities in connection with the split salary charges of Mrs. Page Waller Eaton, against Mrs. Louise Osborne Rowe, commissioner of public welfare. A city council committee voted today to recommend that the evidence so far heard by it be presented to the State's attorney with the request that he submit it to the grand jury. The charges today were heard by two investigation bodies. Allegations that she had paid part of her salary to Mrs. Rowe were made under oath by Mrs. Eaton, former superintendent of the social survey in the welfare department. On completing her testimony Mrs. Eaton went before the civil service commission.

Before the council committee, one of the aldermen brought out in questioning Mrs. Eaton that she considered the payments she said she had made Mrs. Rowe as loans. She said she had never asked for the return of the money and declared she several times had been told by the latter that the city comtroller would reimburse her. She said Mrs. Rowe had at no time told her the money was to be used for political purposes and added that she realized that to sa yanything about reimbursement would mean her immediate dismissal. She said she needed her position and that she never had an opportunity to speak to Mayor Thompson about the matter.

Mayor Thompson, Mrs. Thompson, her sister, Mrs. M. E. Mivelaz, for whose benefit Mrs. Eaton has said she contributed her money; and Fred Lundin, former Congressman, did not appear before the council committee in response to the chairman's request.

Alderman Rodrigues, who presented the charges to the council, testified to seeing Mrs. Eaton place money in an envelope and give it to Mr. Rose. Rodriguez testified before both investigating bodies.

Among other witnesses heard by the civil service investigators were employes of the welfare department and Fulton Gardner, who also told of seeing Mrs. Eaton given an envelope containing money to Mrs. Rowe.

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day the nomination of M. F. Bond for appointment as postmaster at Edenton and L. B. Wynne at Williamston.

Thos F. Lynch has been appointed postmaster at Glenn Raven.

The Washington Police have been asked to look out for Chas. S. Wells, alias Harry Cobb, whom it is claimed escaped from the chain gang at Salisbury. He has friends near Washington and the North Carolina authorities believe he will come here.

J. Hampton Rich will appear before the House Foreign Affairs committee tomorrow to urge the passage of the London resolution calling upon the President to convene a congress of neutral nations to other mediation to the belligerents in Europe. Mr. Rich says the people of this country want peace and that he will give Congress food for thought on this matter.

P. R. A.

Rome, Feb. 24, viaParis, Feb. 24.—Cardinal Mercier left Rome for Belgium this afternoon. A large crowd gathered at the central station to bid him farewell and they cheered both him and Belgium.

Offers Farm to Orphans

John Marriage

John Marriage, wealthy Kiowa county, Kansas, ranchman, has asked Governor Arthur Capper to co-operate with him in turning his 6,000-acre ranch, worth $300,000, into a home for orphan children where they can be given a practical education, taught trades or brought up to help manage the ranch for future generations of orphans. Marriage proposes incorporating his ranch and appointing a board of directors. He has a school on his farm which he supports himself and will build a high school. Last year Marriage raised 20,000 bushels of wheat which sold for $1.10 a bushel. The year before he received $1.20 a bushel for his 20,000 bushel crop. He owns a herd of 1,000 thoroughbred cattle. He bought his land for $4 an acre and it now is worth $50. He has enough money to live comfortably, and he wants to help orphan children because he was an orphan himself.

MANY ARE SUFFERING IN FLOODED SECTIONS

Have Been Driven from Home and are Without Food

Relief Workers Turn Attention From Newellton and St. Joseph, La., to Other Flooded Areas—Urgent Appeals Received.

New Orleans, Feb. 24.—With notable improvement reported today in the condition of flood victims in the vicinity of Newellton and St. Joseph, La., relief workers tonight were concerned over conditions in other sections of the inundated areas from which reports previously had not been received. Urgent appeals for aid were received here today by Governor Hall from Bayou Cortableau in St. Landry parish, Serena, in Catahoula, and Lismore in Concordia parish.

The appeal from St. Landis parish stated that hundreds of families along bayou Cortableau had been driven from their homes by the flood and were suffering from lack of food and shelter while marooned on high spots along the bayou, which were filled with refugees and live stock.

Suffering was reported in the neighborhood of Serena, due to overflow from the Black river, and a message from Lismore said conditions there were distressing and that the town was flooded and there was little food on hand for the inhabitants and stock.

ASK FOR IMMEDIATE AID.

Many People Marooned in Lower Concordia Parish—Other Sections.

Natchez, Miss., Feb. 24.—The Natchez relief committee tonight received a signed petition from 50 heads of families in Acme, in the flooded area of Lower Concordia parish, asking for immediate aid and stating that over 150 people were marooned in that neighborhood. The relief committee announced that it was powerless to render any assistance because of the distance.

Reports of distressing conditions were also received here tonight from Lismore, Monterey, Lane Landing, Serena, Eva, Chevy Chase and other towns along the Black river and on the border between Concordia and Catahoula parishes.

Water tonight was said to be slowly rising against the embandment protecting Vidalia, across the river from here, and desperate efforts were being made to keep the water from overflowing into the business section of the town.

VERDUN IS THE SCENE OF ONE OF GREATEST BATTLES OF THE WAR

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office tonight. Between the Meuse and Ornes, several furious German attacks occurred, but the French front was broken nowhere. The statement says of the fighting around Verdun:

"In the region to the north of Verdun the enemy continued to bombard with the same intensity our front from the Meuse up to south of Fromezey. The artillery slackened a little between Malancourt and the left bank of the Meuse. No infantry action has occurred as yet in this region.

"Between the right bank of the Meuse and Ornes, the enemy has shown the same ferocity as on the preceding day and multiplied his fierce attacks, leaving on the ground piles of dead without having succeeded in breaking our front.

"On both wings, we have withdrawn our line. One part behind Samogneux, the other to the south of Ornes. Our artillery has replied respite to the artillery of the enemy."

EMPEROR BEFORE VERDUN

Has Established Headquarters at German Positions in France

London, Feb. 24.—Emperor William has established his headquarters at the German positions facing Verdun, according to information received from Berlin by the Evening News by way of Copenhagen. The dispatch, which is dated February 23 says:

"It is reported the Emperor is more energetic than ever, making daily speeches to the troops and encouraging the soldiers not to yield. His Majesty is mainly inspired at present with a desire to defeat the French army at any cost."

HAVE STRONG FORCES

Germans Said to Have Ten Men to Every Three Feet of Front.

Paris, Feb. 24.—The Temps estimates that the Germans are employing on the average ten infantrymen to every three feet of front, where the attack is fiercest north of Verdun—that is over a line of eight miles in length between Brabant and Ornes.

The reviewer maintains that the operations are not necessarily preliminary in an attempt to besiege Verdun, but comprise an attack on a wide part of the front of which Verdun forms a part of the rear support. The attacks, he declares, are still held within the first line works, while there are three other lines at strategic intervals behind the first.

BROTHERHOOD PROTESTS

Against Employment of Soldiers and Aliens on Panama Railway Trains.

Washington, Feb. 24. — Protests against the use of soldiers and aliens in the engine and train service on the government railroad at Panama was presented to President Wilson today by W. S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, and E. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. The President promised to give the protest careful consideration.

—Mr. R. C. Platt reported to the police last night that he had shot at a man who was trying to enter his residence through a front window from the porch. He stated that he did not think he had hit the would be burglar.

St. Louis, Feb. 24.—It was announced today that Pitcher Hub Perdue and Shortstop Arnold Houser, of the Cardinals, had been unconditionally released.

IN THE REALM OF SPORTS

Y. M. C. A. COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

As Result of Last Night's Games Three Leading Teams Are Tied For First Place—Standing of Teams.

Team.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Jacobi	2	1	.666
City Laundry	2	1	.666
Elvington. & Mintz	2	1	.666
National Woolen Mills	0	3	.000

As a result of last night's basketball games in the Commercial League of the Y. M. C. A., the three leading teams are tied for first place. Hereafter the contests in this league will be played off on Thursday night instead of Friday, as has been the custom in the past.

The first game was between the city Laundry and the Jacobi team, who were up to last night leading the series with two games won and not any lost, but the games played last night resulted in a tie for the league standing between City Laundry, Jacobi and Elvington & Mintz. The game was very hotly contested fro mthe first while opening the game till the time the whitle blew ending the game. For the washers there were no particular stars, but each man on the team added a score or two, so that when the total was taken they stood just two points ahead of the hardware men.

City Laundry proxy for Milton Justice shot eight straight fowls, and in a way was responsible for the game. Shepard for the hardware men scored twelve points in the second half, their little forward, Bowen, broke lose with two goals. Captain Davis was the only other man of the team that succeeded in scoring a field goal. Bob Lewis dropped four out of seven fouls trys in the basket. This game was refereed by James Monroe, one of the High School players, and also captain of the High School team. The score at the end of the game stood 26 to 24.

The second game was between National Woolen Mills and Elvington & Mintz teams. The Elvington & Mintz team being the winner by score of 43 to 27. It seemed that the millers were unable to get their team work in action, and on the other hand the medicine men worked like clock work, and some of the lightening passes when received with a accuracy resulted in a two-point gain in their score. Jimmie Monroe was the highest point maker in the game and of the evening, scoring twelve field goals and one foul goal, making 25 points. Jennings Woolardfi team mate and forward, shot 8 field goals, scoring 16 points, and Stein, at guard, dropped the ball in the basket for the other two points.

The millers' score was somewhat divided between Davis, 4 points; Rhodes, 6 points; Rennie, 10 points; and LeGwin, 7 points. Norman Shepard of the Jacobi team refereed the game, and Milton Justice, on the shelf at present because of injuries sustained to his left knee while at practice in the gymnasium some days previous, was timekeeper. James Farmer kept the score and George Jones the blackboard score.

BASKETBALL AT BRIGADE

Dodgers and Braves Continue Their Winning Streak—Standing.

	W	L	Pct.
Dodgers	6	1	.857
Braves	5	3	625
Reds	3	5	.375
Seminoles	1	6	.143

Results Last Night.

Reds 19; Dodgers 50.

Braves 48; Seminoles 50.

The features of the basketball games at the Boys' Brigade last night were the overwhelming scores, yet they were fast and exciting. There was little poor playing but unusual luck in good throwing of goals.

In the first game the Reds were off on passing and accurate in goal throwing. M. Register did pretty work for them. The Dodgers played their usual swift game, full of good team work. "Slick" Davis and Rourk were especially fast. The guarding of Cameron was a feature, he allowing Gallagher only one goal.

The Braves were too fast in the second game for the Seminoles, but the latter team woke up in the second half and worked like Trojans but were unable to overtake the Braves' bewildering pace. Mac Griffith for the Braves established a new record in goal throwing with a total of 15, or 30 points.

There was an unusually large crowd of spectators out to witness the games, probably a third of them being ladies. The games will continue to be played on Thursday until further notice.

RULES COMMITTEE TO MEET.

Will Discuss Minor Changes and Suggestions as to Football.

New York, Feb. 24.—The football rules committee will meet for their annual session here tomorrow and Saturday. Several minor changes and suggestions for others in the playing rules governing the game will be discussed, but none of them promises to cause as much genuine interest as the effort to make the numbering of players a matter of compulsion. W. A. Lambeth, of Virginia, is a member of the committee.

While several of the rules may be altered in order to make them clearer and easier to interpret, no radical changes are looked for as it is generally conceded that as they now stand the rules are the best that have ever governed the great college game.

SPALDINGS OFFER TROPHY CUP.

For Winning Club in Eastern Carolina League—Who'll Get It?

(Special Star Correspondence).

Kinston, N. C., Feb. 24.—The Spaldings have offered a loving cup of handsome design and large size to the pennant winner of the East Carolina Baseball League, in the even that association is reorganized. W. H. Russ, a Washington fan, has a letter from them stating :"Referring to our conversation regarding the possibility of a baseball league in your section, will say that we will be very much pleased to offer a trophy in the form of a silver cup, photograph of which we are sending you under separate cover. The cup would be donated to the winning team of the league, provided, of course, the league went through the season on regular schedule."

RETURN MATCH TONIGHT

Englishman and Swede Will Contest on Mat at Woolvin Hall—Hartley Expects to Win.

Herbert Hartley, the fast little Englishman who went down in defeat before Fritz Hanson, of Wilmington, on the mat at Woolvin Hall last Friday night, will meet the speedy local man in a return match at the same place tonight, and the visitor is confident that he will be able to even things up with the Swede.

The match tonight is to be two falls out of three to a finish, catch as catch can style, with the strangle hold barred. The men are to weigh in at 148 pounds, stripped, just before the match, and each man has posted a forfeit of $100 to make this weight.

Both Hartley and Hanson have been doing steady training all week in preparation for the match, and both are in the pink of physical condition.

Hartley seems confident that he will be able to redeem his defeat of last week, but this opinion is not shared by Hanson, and also by few of the local fans. They look forward to the bout, however, as promising to be one of the best witnessed here this season.

The match will begin at 8:45 o'clock, and if any preliminaries are staged they will be stopped by 8:30.

The articles of agreement governing the match are as follows:

"This agreement entered into this, the 21st day of February, 1916, to bind a return match between Fritz Hanson, of Wilmington, N. C., and Herbert Hartley, of Utica, N. Y., to be held at Woolvin Hall, Wilmington, N. C., Friday night, Feb. 25th, 1916. Witnesseth:

"1. The men shall enter the ring at 8:40 P. M., and the match shall start at 8:45 P. M. promptly.

"2. The refree to be "Billy" Toms.

"3. Preliminary, if held, to be stopped at 8:30 P. M.

"4. The wrestlers to make 148 pounds, or under. To weigh, stripped, just before the match. Each man to post $100 to make weight. Man failing to make weight to lose forfeit money to his opponent. If both men weigh over 148 pounds, $100 posted by each man to be returned, to each man.

"5. Forfeit money to be held by Louis T. Moore.

"6. The match to be catch as catch can style, best two falls in three, to a finish.

"7. All net receipts to go to winner.

"8. Strangle hold the only hold to be barred.

"9. No kicking, biting or gouging to be permitted by referee.

"10. The wrestlers shall be considered as on the mat as long as two shoulders of under man are on the mat.

"11. When men go to the ropes, each man shall take care of himself, unless both are told to break by referee.

"12. Neither man shall be permitted to use any grease, oil, liniment, or similar preparation on his body or head. Wrestlers to be subjected to strict examination by referee before match begins, and each wrestler to have privilege of examining his opponent.

FRITZ HANSON, (Seal)
HERBERT HARTLEY, (Seal)
Witness—Louis T. Moore.
Witness—H. E. Longley.

MAXTON MAN HURT IN WRECK.

Mr. Hugh A. Barnes Drives Automobile Into Tree in the Darkness.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Maxton, N. C., Feb. 24.—Last night about 8 o'clock, Hugh A. Barnes, a local automobile salesman, while hurrying back to town after having pulled a fellow automobilist out of trouble, had the misfortune to lose control of the machine he was driving and ran it into a tree in the edge of town. The car, a new seven passenger six-cylinder, was almost completely wrecked. The engine was driven back very nearly into the front seat, the wind shield demolished and the steering wheel broken to bits. The front axle was wrapped entirely around the tree and was only loosened from it by the use of a "jack." Mr. Barnes was knocked unconsicous and remained in this condition for some time.

Aside from this, unless there are some internal injuries, he is in good shape, having received a few cuts from the broken glass. Today he is very sore from the shock of the blow, but unless complications set in will be about in a short while.

CONTRACT IS AWARDED

For New Building of the News and Observer on Old Site.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 24.—The contract was awarded today by The News and Observer Company for the re-building of the home of the newspaper twice destroyed by fire. The new building is to be fire proof, the front to be of granite tinted brick and terra cotta. It will be built two stories with walls that will carry two additional stories whenever it is considered desirable to add them. C. V. York, of Raleigh, is the contractor. The work is to begin at once and be pushed to completion.

FORCE IN PACIFIC IS FAR TOO SMALL

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efficient ponit during President Roosevelt's incumbency.

"Just lately," he added, "the department began working out a new system of finding faults with our gunnery. They are finding them. In my opinion, however, if we had a general staff, our efficiency would never have gone down."

Unable to Get Necessary Knowledge.

He declared that no Secretary of the Navy had ever had, or possibly could have had, the knowledge necessary to pass upon the questions which he must decide under the present system. It would take 50 years, he declared, to bring the navy to its possible standard of efficiency, and in answer to a question he said he did not believe the navy now to be even moderately efficient.

What was lacking, said the admiral, was authority vested in a board of trained naval officers to co-ordinate all the military work and keep the fleet at fighting pitch at all times.

A Sensible Cigarette

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

First Game In Championship Contest to be Played With Steadman Team Here Tonight.

The Wilmington High School will play its first game of basketball tonight in the State Championship series when the team meets the Steadman High School aggregation at the Y. M. C. A. The game will be called promptly at 8:30 and the public is cordially invited to come and see a first class game of basketball as the Steadman ceam is said to be in splendid form while the locals have already proven their prowess.

There are eight teams contesting for the honors from the Eastern section of the State. Besides Wilmington and Steadman there are the following: Durham, Enfield, Dover, Kenly, Kinston and Cary. The game tonight will be the first the locals have played with any of these teams but they expect to meet each of the others this spring and hope to win enough games so that they can go to Chapel Hill top lay the team from the Western section of the State for the championship of North Carolina. The contest is conducted under the auspices of the Athletic Council of the University of North Carolina.

The line up for the local team tonight will be as follows: Forwards, Rourk and Silvermann; center, Davis; guards, Hanby and Monroe; substitutes, Hill, Hall and King.

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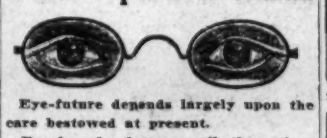

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NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Mutual Home and Real Estate Company, in the company's office in the Masonic Temple, Wilmington, N. C., on Thursday, the 23rd day of March, 1916, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of taking action upon a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors on the 15th day of February, 1916, in which it was unanimously resolved that it was advisable and most for the benefit of said corporation that it should be dissolved.

This 23rd day of February, 1916.

J. A. McNORTON, Secretary.

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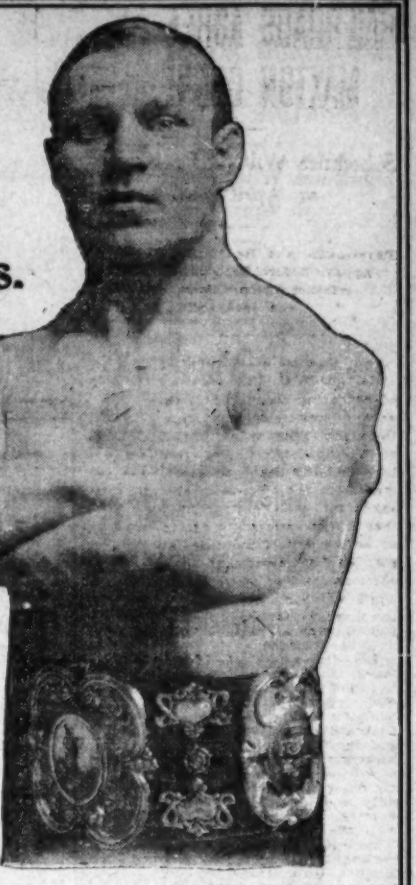
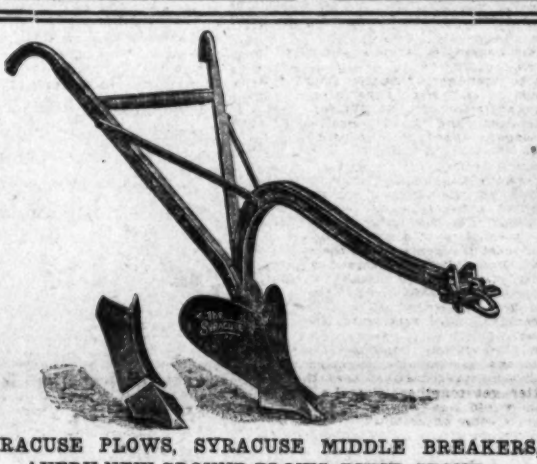


FRITZ HANSON WHO WILL MEET HERBERT HARTLEY

Tonight at Woolvin Hall



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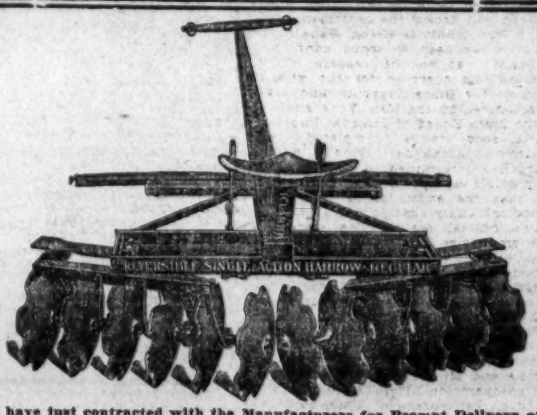

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RAILROADS AGREE ON MAXTON CONNECTION

Schedules Will be Readjusted on April Sixth

Fayetteville and Red Springs Citizens Appear Before Corporation Commission Against Coast Line and Seaboard.

(Special Star Telegram).

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 24.—In the midst of a hearing today before the Corporation Commission involving connections demanded by petitioning citizens at Maxton between the Atlantic Coast Line and the Seaboard Air Line evening trains the officials of the railroads asked for half an hour in order that they might attempt to get together in an adjustment of schedules and the result was an agreement that the connections shall be provided on and after April 6, when the Florida-New York through trains are to be taken off and a general revision of schedules will be provided.

The trains are the Seaboard that leaves Charlotte at 5:05 for Wilmington and the Coast Line train from Bennettsville to Maxton and Fayetteville for main line connection. The Seaboard now leaves Maxton at 9:05 and the Coast Line at 8:30. The connecting schedule to go into effect April 6 will be 8:53 for both trains. The big delegations for citizens of Fayetteville and Red Springs here for the hearing returned home well pleased with the outcome.

Speaking as to the necessity of connection being made at Maxton were Thomas H. Sutton, representing the Fayetteville chamber of commerce; R. T. Roseman, manager Roseman Hotel, Fayetteville; T. C. Jones, manager LaFayette Hotel, Fayetteville; Dr. C. G. Vardel, president of Flora McDonald College; A. T. McCallum, A. B. Pearsall, Rev. Alexander Miller and J. C. Snoddy, representing the citizens of Red Springs.

Those representing the Coast Line and the Seaboard Air Line in opposing the change of schedule, were J. T. King, general superintendent of transportation, and W. J. Craig, passenger traffic manager, Atlantic Coast Line, and C. E. Hix, superintendent of transportation; P. G. Walton, superintendent, and J. T. Best, division passenger agent, for the Seaboard Air Line.

After the discussion had progressed for more than an hour, the representatives of the railroad companies requested a recess until the afternoon in order that they might confer as to the possibility of an adjustment that will meet the demands of the petitioners. The difficulty stressed was that to adjust trains to make the connection demanded would break other and much more important connections necessary to the accommodation of the traveling public. Chairman Travis, of the Corporation Commission, in announcing the recess, intimated to the railroad representatives that they had better get together, else the commission would have to take a hand and require some adjustment.

Governor Craig today appointed Col. Benehan Cameron, of Raleigh, and Dr. C. L. Minor, of Asheville, as members of the North Carolina committee of the commission for the relief of Belgian sufferers. The appointments were on recommendation of Dr. S. Westry Battle, of Asheville.

Exchange of Courts.

An exchange of courts authorized today by Governor Craig provides that Judge Bond shall hold Gates county court one week beginning February 27 and Chowan county one week, beginning April 3, and Judge Allen will hold two weeks term of Duplin county, beginning February 27.

A series of 80 farmers' institutes in the counties east of Raleigh has just been concluded by the institute division of the State Department of Agriculture, the reports showing that the interest and attendance attained a high standard and that the farmers were generally found to be in fine spirits and imbued with a spirit of progress. Director of Institutes T. B. Parker was sick at home during the entire time that the institute parties were out holding the institutes.

With Miss Mary Hilliard Hinton as temporary chairman and Mrs. W. J. Martin as secretary, the Wake county committee of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames has elected Mrs. Franklin McNeill as chairman to succeed the late Mrs. A. B. Andrews and appointed Miss Hinton, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. J. J. Thomas a committee to prepare resolutions on the death of Mrs. Andrews and also on the death of Mrs. James Sprunt and Mrs. E. P. Bailey, of Wilmington, both former presidents of the State Society Colonial Dames, who have recently died. Mrs. McNeill will accept the chairmanship.

Why Audit is Being Made.

There has been so many conflicting statements as to the reports of the purpose and occasion for the general audit of the State Treasury and other State offices by the New York auditors of the State Board of Internal Improvements, soon to be completed, that Chairman Alexander Webb, of the board has determined to issue as soon as possible a statement that will set out that the audit is just a regular periodical affair that is not after anybody's official scalp. The statement will emphasize the fact that the law requires that the State offices and institutions should be audited annually and that it has really been nearly two years since the State Treasury was audited.

The matter of the statement has been taken up with Mr. Montcastle, of Lexington, active member of the board, and he and Mr. Webb with the advice and co-operation of the Governor, will get out the statement which will be intended to set at rest intimations that there was effort to embarrass State Treasurer Lacy or any others in their impending campaigns.

It is understood that the Republicans of the State have completely abandoned their purpose announced at the State executive committee meeting some weeks ago to provide for a general audit of the treasury and other departments in search of campaign thunder.

The New York auditors are criticising the bookkeeping system or systems in force in the State in comparison with systems in vogue in New York and other states, but they face the condition that to change the system would require special legislation involving the systems clear through to the counties and townships and municipalities that would entail many thousand dollars of expense for attaining system only where no sort of loss by the old system is shown to occur.

DEAN SIKES TO LEAVE WAKE FOREST COLLEGE

Accepts Presidency of Coker College, South Carolina.

Member of Wake Forest Faculty 18 Years; Connected With the College 30 Years—Leaves Next Summer.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Wake Forest, N. C., Feb. 24.—Dr. E. W. Sikes, dean of Wake Forest College and professor of political economy and history for the past 18 years, who was elected to the presidency of Coker College, a women's college located in Hartsville, S. C., yesterday at a meeting of the board of trustees, will remain at Wake Forest until the close of the present term and will assume his duties as president of Coker College about June 14th.

The news of Dr. Sikes' election to the presidency of Coker College does not come as a complete surprise to Wake Forest, for it has been known for some time that he has been seriously considering the matter. The following message from Mr. J. J. Lawton, secretary of the board of trustees of Coker College, was received last night:

"The board of trustees unanimously elected you president of Coker College at a meeting held today."

At the same time a message was received from the senior class of the college reading:

"Hearty welcome from senior class; sympathy to Wake Forest boys."

It is with mingled feelings of regret and pleasure that Wake Forest hears of the fact that he is to leave the college he has been associated with continuously for 30 years, since he first entered as a student in 1886, and the institution that he has taught for 18 years and served as dean one year—pleasure because it is an honor so fittingly bestowed.

It is the second time within the period of one year that Wake Forest has had its dean and one of its professors called away to assume the presidency of a young ladies' college, Dr. Charles E. Brewer being called to Meredith College last February.

Dr. E. C. Dargan Called.

The Wake Forest Baptist church is now awaiting a reply from Dr. E. C. Dargan, pastor of the First Baptist church, Macon, Ga., stating whether or not he accepts the call that was extended to him unanimously by the local church last Sunday.

Dr. Dargan is a native of South Carolina and a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also holds degrees from Furman University, Washington and Lee, and Baylor University of Texas. He has served as pastor of churches in several different states, including North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, California and Georgia. From 1888 to 1892 he was a professor in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky., and he served as president of the Southern Baptist convention in the years 1911 and 1912.

DIFFERENCES ARE SETTLED AMICABLY

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road Company and its conductors which arose in consequence of Circular No. 33, providing for a system of auditing trains, known as the White Audit system, similar conferences having been held with President Kenly, of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, Third Vice-President Lyman Delano, General Manager P. R. Albright, and General Counsel Elliott, the subject-matter has had my very careful consideration.

"It should be borne in mind that the services of the United States Board of Mediation and Conciliation were requested by the officials of the Railroad Company after the controversy had reached an acute stage, and when, in the opinion of said officials, an interruption of the business of the railroad to the serious detriment of the public interest was imminent, a strike vote of the conductors being at the time in process, and that upon the tender of its services by the board to the committee representing the conductors, they were accepted.

"It is among the admitted facts in the controversy that a practically unanimous vote was cast for a strike provided the company did not recede from its position, or a settlement satisfactory to the committee and their representatives could not be secured.

"Besides the many oral statements and arguments presented by the representatives of both parties to the controversy, I have carefully considered all the corrspondence exchanged between the parties, including the 'statement' issued to the membership of the Order of Railway Conductors, upon which the strike ballot was cast, and the circular letter addressed by President Kenly to the conductors prior to the taking of the strike vote, and it is my opinion from all these statements and the mass of evidence submitted, a considerable portion of which was secured by the Board of Mediation and Conciliation independently and upon its own initiative, but which was submitted to both parties, that this controversy ought to be amicably adjusted on a basis fair, just and equitable to all parties, and I suggest and earnestly advise a settlement as follows:

"1. The White Audit system to be withdrawn on March 15th, 1916, and coincident therewith the cancellation of Circulars No. 33 and No. 34.

"2. The withdrawal of the concluding paragraph of the letter dated January 14, 1916, addressed to Mr. P. R. Albright, general manager, and signed 'S. J. Brooks, general chairman," and 'Warren L. Jones, secretary.'

"3. Automatically with the withdrawal of the White Audit system, Form 224 1-2 to be eliminated.

"4. The railroad company at its pleasure, any time after March 15, 1916, to inaugurate its own system of train auditing upon any plan it may see fit to adopt, provided, the auditors doing such work are to be bona fide employes of the railroad company, receiving their compensation direct from the company, to be in no way connected with any outside individual or corporation, responsible only to the company, and making report to no other person or authority except the company, and subject in all respects to the discipline of the company for misconduct just as the conductors now are, or may be, under the application of any audit system the company may hereafter inaugurate.

"5. Form No. 336 to be withdrawn and identification slips to be substituted therefor, whether an audit system is put into effect or not.

"6. In case an audit system is put into effect, Form 224 to be eliminated, and superseded by a cash fare slip. Until an audit system is inaugurated, Form 224 to remain in effect.

"7. If the company establishes an audit system, pasters or coupons to be used on all transportation sold by it, covering each conductor's schedule. These pasters or coupons to be arranged and put into effect within 90 days from March 15, 1916, provided the proposed audit system is inaugurated within that time. If inaugurated after June 15, 1916, the paster or coupon transportation is to go into effect contemporaneously.

"May I expect your reply at your earliest convenience, within the forenoon of today.

"Very respectfully yours,
"W. L. CHAMEBRS,
"Commissioner of Mediation."

Identical original to Mr. Lyman Delano, vice-president Atlantic Coast Line.

The Replies Received.

To this letter the following replies were made by Mr. Lyman Delano for the Atlantic Coast Line and Messrs. Clark and Brooks for the conductors:

"Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 24, 1916.

"Hon W. L. Chambers, U. S. Commissioner of Mediation and Conciliation:

"Dear Sir: We beg to acknowledge receipt of your value communication of this date, and to note the basis of settlement suggested by you of the controversy between the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and its conductors whom we have the honor to represent.

"We assure you of our high appreciation of the services rendered by you, and beg to say that the settlement as proposed by you, the acceptance of which you advise, is entirely agreeable to the conductors, and the same has been deliberately considered by us and the committee of local chairman who have been present with us at all times in the mediation conferences with you.

"Upon the receipt of information from you that a settlement on the basis as proposed is agreeable to the railroad officials, the committees authorizes us to request that you will notify both parties of this amicable adjustment, and convey to the railroad officials the cordial assurance of the conductors that the long existing pleasant relations between the employes represented by us and the company will continue so far as our efforts shall be able to promote that end.

"Very truly yours,
"W. M. CLARK,
"Vice-President O. R. C.
"S. J. BROOKS,
"General Chairman."

"Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 24, 1916.

"Hon. W. L. Chambers, U. S. Commissioner of Mediation and Conciliation.

"My Dear Sir: Your communication of this date, suggesting and advising acceptance by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, a basis of settlement of the controversy now existing between the railroad company and its conductors, growing out of the installation of a train auditing system, known as the White Audit system, now effective on the road, received, and has had the careful consideration of the officials of the railroad who represent the company in the mediation conferences with you.

"We beg to express our appreciation of the services rendered by you, and to say that the company is prepared to accept, and hereby accepts the basis of settlement as suggested by you, and upon being informed by you that the officers of the Order of Railway Conductors and committee representing the employes are also agreeable to the settlement as proposed by you, the railroad company will regard the controversy as amicably settled, and trusts that the relations between the company and its conductors which have been so satisfactory in the past will continue uninterruptedly in the future.

"Respectfully yours,
"LYMAN DELANO,
"Second Vice-President Atlantic Coast Line."

Judge Chambers' Reply.

To the letters received from the Atlantic Coast Line and the conductors, Judge Chambers addressed the following reply:

"Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 24, 1916.

"Mr. Lyman Delano, Third Vice-President, Atlantic Coast Line R. R. Co.;

"Mr. W. M. Clark, Vice-President, Order of Railway Conductors;

"Mr. S. J. Brooks, General Chairman, Committee of Adjustments for A. C. L.

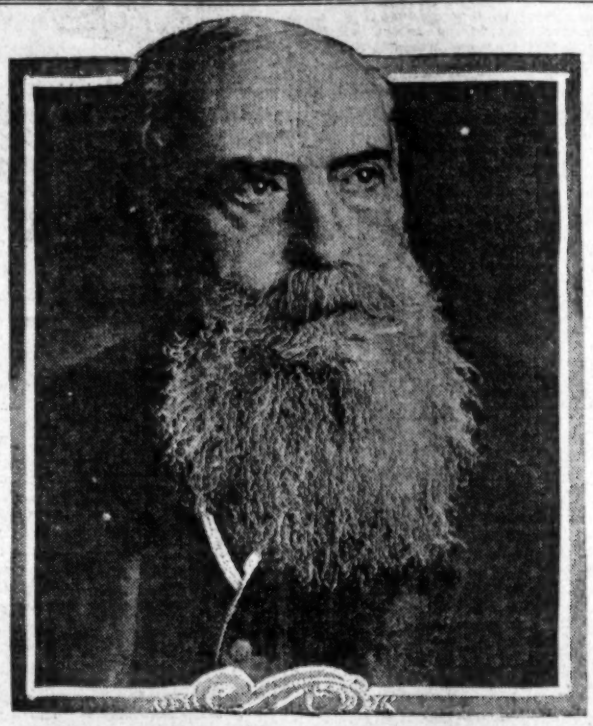
"Gentlemen: I have the honor to acknowledge your communications of this date, and I am greatly pleased to learn that the basis of settlement as suggested by me of the controversy between the company and its conductors is agreeable to all parties concerned, and my pleasure at this amicable settlement is largely enhanced by the evident spirit of good feeling which each of you has expressed toward the other in reaching this conclusion.

"You will pardon me for addressing you jointly, instead of severally, but this seems to me to be the best method of bringing this serious matter to a happy conclusion, especially as each of you has requested me to make an announcement of the settlement, which I hereby do.

"Permit me to express my gratitude to all the officials of the railroad, to the officers of the O. R. C., and the Large Committee, for the assistance they have rendered me throughout the many conferences in bringing about this very satisfactory settlement.

"Very respectfully yours,
"W. L. CHAMBERS,
"U. S. Commissioner of Mediation and Conciliation."

Premier Who Held Greeks Against the Allies



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TOP O' THE MORNING

There is no greater nor kindlier service we can render to those we touch than the tactful holding to our ideals, out in the contacts of life.

—GORDON.

Take care of yourself till after Congress adjourns.

"Water everywhere in the flood region" and also in dry territory.

Everybody in Europe seems to be getting madder than ever.

"Everybody works but father," but everybody works father when he works.

Baltimore now has a city song. Somebody's apt to write a song about Wilmington.

There are some times when even a pacifist knows when to keep quiet for fear of playing old Harry.

It would seem to a man up a tree looking down that we have enough grave problems of our own without bothering with those of the aliens.

Baggage men had better be careful how they snatch trunks and suit cases around. They may contain bottles that wil break or bombs that will explode.

Those people who have harbored the idea that this country does not need any National preparedness ought to be able at this time to recognize the fact that the country will need it long before it is possible to get it.

"Democrats Rally to Defense Plan," says a newspaper headline. S'owing to what they consider defense. Anyhow, the Democrats seem to be united on whatever kind of plan it is.

When a fellow is given authority under the idea that he can do something, he will either do somebody or make a fool of himself in his efforts to make people think he's right on the job.

Wisconsin is making 365 train loads of cheese every year. Of course, that is made possible by the state's great cattle industry. A state without dairy herds can't make butter, much less cheese.

A woman official in Chicago has been charged with grafting. This shows that the wrong sort of woman is just as apt to get into office as the wrong sort of man. A grafter is a grafter, be he, she or it a man or a woman.

Former Senator Burton, of Ohio, does not seem to think seriously of the nomination of Senator Root as the Republican candidate for president. At any rate, the Ohio statesman is giving full rein to his own presidential aspirations.

Jekyl Island, near Brunswick, Ga., boasts that one third the total wealth of the United States is represented among that island's winter residents—the Morgans, Rockefellers, Goulds and Carnegies. If true, that would be more alarming than pleasing information.

Says the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot: "The fashion experts are intimating that the styles for men this year will require them to wear clothes to match their hair." Seems to us that if that is to be the fashion, bald headed men won't have to bother about clothes.

Some of the "anti-pork barrel" cartoons will surely make you laugh, if you possess a sense of humor. A contemporary which is strong on preparedness had an anti-preparedness cartoon worked off on it a few days ago. Preparedness was illustrated as a "pork barrel" scheme.

The alliances among the great powers constitute the greatest menace of the future. The question does not seem to be whether we will have to fight one nation but it is whether we will have to stand off from two to a half dozen of them in the event of a clash. America cannot count on the aid of a single power in Europe.

MR. KITCHIN AND HIS OWN WAY.

President Wilson recently announced that, under changed economic conditions consequent upon the war in Europe, and because of the uncertain future of industrial conditions which the future may develop for this country, he was convinced that it would be wise for Congress to establish a tariff commission, to be composed of non-partisan students of economy and experts in scientific tariff construction and adjustment. In brief, we conceive that is the President's new idea as to tariff legislation, and already an administration bill embodying the new principle has been introduced in Congress. In this connection the New York World (Dem.) makes this editorial remark:

"Now that Mr. Kitchin, the majority leader in the House of Representatives, announces his opposition to the tariff commission bill, the question naturally arises whether the gentleman can be brought into line with his party on any issue. When Mr. Bryan feels the way the gentleman from North Carolina does, he always resigns and starts a party of his own."

Possibly Leader Kitchin interprets "tariff" as protection, for the reason that whenever there was danger of the country's electing a Democratic Congress the Republicans used to be strenuous advocates of a tariff commission. Of course, they meant a protective tariff commission in whose hands the sacred doctrine of protection would be forever safe. Mr. Kitchin and other good Democrats have always had good reasons to oppose a tariff commission established by protectionists, but no doubt the North Carolina congressman has other and different reasons for opposing the establishment of a Democratic tariff commission.

We cannot fancy that the Republicans will take any more kindly to a Democratic tariff commission than Democrats used to feel towards a tariff commission to be created in the house of protectionists.

Mr. Kitchin seems to oppose both Democratic and Republican tariff commissions and probably cannot be made to see that there is more difference than distinction between a tariff commission established by Democrats and one established by protectionist Republicans. Meanwhile, any kind of tariff commission may sooner or later change its political complexion, as the United States Supreme Court does. The Democrats may die off and be succeeded by Republicans, or vice versa as to Republicans and Democrats.

The Democrats seem to feel the need of expert tariff advice from experts, but heretofore the Republicans were content to leave it all to the protected interests, each to write its own protective tariff schedule so each could get all the protection it wanted.

One important fact to remember is that no tariff commission can enact a tariff law. It can only gather information, formulate tariff schedules on a scientific basis and give expert advice to Congress, which still will retain sole power to put any of the commission's ideas or suggestions into statutes. Necessarily that would have to be the case unless we change the Federal constitution.

PLANTS FROM CHINA FOR THE SOUTH.

The South ought to be particularly interested in the fact that the Department of Agriculture of the United States is searching China and other foreign countries for fruit, food and forage plants that are not known in this country, but which might prove highly valuable by adaptation in this country. China particularly is a rich field for rare field plants, and the Weekly News Letter of the United States Department of Agriculture, under date of February 23, announces that the third expedition into China to discover new plants suitable for introduction into the United States has been completed by F. N. Meyer, plant explorer of the department.

Mr. Meyer has just returned to Washington after a three-year trip to the Far East. It is announced that as a result of this expedition through the center of China, and two previous explorations of similar duration covering extremely cold Manchurian regions and the arid regions of Chinese Turkestan, there have been sent to America, for planting and testing for commercial adaptability, seeds, roots, or cuttings of some 3,000 food and forage plants, flowers, ornamental shrubs and vines, shade and timber trees. The previous expeditions brought to America specimens of many cold-resistant and dry-land grains, sorphums, soy beans, alfalfa, and forage plants, and also certain semitropical plants, such as the bamboo, which are now under experimentation to determine their usefulness for the extreme South.

Of the many specimens forwarded to this country during the last expedition, the specialists regard as most significant the jujube, a fruit new to this country, which may be suitable for use in the Southwest; a wild peach resistant to alkali, cold, and drought, the root system of which offers great possibilities as a grafting host; certain Chinese persimmons larger than any hitherto known in this country; a number of aquatic food roots and vegetables which offer promising possibilities for the utilization of swamp land; some 30 varieties of vegetable and timber bamboos; and a number of Chinese vegetables, bush and climber roses, shrubs, and trees.

Some of the most luscious and famous peaches ever grown in America were introduced into the South from China prior to the Civil War. For some reason or other they have become extinct, or some of these Chinese varieties have, and China is being searched for some of the wonderful peaches that were well known in Central North Carolina and upper South Carolina as late as fifty years ago. They are now a tradition and the elderly Carolinians can only tell us that there are today no such peaches grown anywhere in America.

The Chinese fruit varieties with large and deep roots would make the very best of grafting host in our light, sandy soils of Eastern North Carolina. The life of the ordinary peach tree in the United States now is short compared with that of of the days of our fathers, but it mainly is due to the small root element of the latter day peach tree.

By the way, wild cherries flourish throughout Eastern North Carolina. Why won't they make good grafting host for some varieties of cherries? The wild cherry tree has no end of roots and it seems immune to the San Jose scale and other enemies of the fruit tree.

OUR RECORD BANK RESOURCES.

According to figures made public in Washington by Comptroller of the Currency Williams, relating to the condition of the national banks at the date of the last call, December 31, 1915, these banks have broken all records as to resources. Their aggregate resources represent the stupendous sum of $13,467,000,000, an increase since December 31, 1914, of $2,110,000,000. The increase since the call on the 10th of last November had been $231,000,000—covering less than 60 days.

The increase of deposits in the National banks during the last twelve months was $3,163,000,000—the increase between November 10 and December 31, 1915, being $223,000,000. The total deposits at the beginning of this year, including balances due banks and bankers, were $10,379,000,000. Compared with December 31, 1914, the loans and discounts the past year increased $1,010,000,000. During last year the banks increased their specie holdings by $154,000,000.

These statistics concern only the national banks, which numbered 7,607 on December 31, 1915, against 7,581 on December 31, 1914. This certainly is overwhelming evidence of the prosperity condition of the United States. The money record and business transactions show that there was something doing in this country last year.

SOMETHING IN THE WAY OF TAXES.

People are compelled to pay state, county and city taxes and then they are expected to voluntarily tax themselves to keep up their churches, lodges, societies and various other things to which they subscribe. At the end of the year liberal people find that all their compulsory and voluntary taxes amount to a large portion of their income and the possibility is that many have gone beyond their means in endeavoring to comply with the numerous demands made upon them.

New societies, new organizations and new movements are constantly being organized and all of them have to be supported in some way or other. Every such organization calls for more money out of the public, and so it is that people pay huge voluntary taxes and only complain of those taxes which they have to pay to support their government and local institutions. The New York Sun a few days ago threw up its hands, called for help and explained its troubles as follows:

"The Sun is reluctantly compelled to appeal for mercy to the promoters of the innumerable enterprises which, wearing the compelling uniform of charity, seek to enlist its aid in the filling of their treasuries, and if every other newspaper would speak the word that is in its mind a united press would join in the plea. The demands for space, for indorsements, for violent assaults on the public pocketbook become insupportable. The disposition to impose on sympathetic good nature is too plain to be disregarded. The appetite for free advertisement grows daily. We give a paragraph, and a column is demanded; we comply with a modest request, and are informed that we have enlisted for a long campaign; we question the propriety of paying commissions of 30 per cent. to professional collectors. And ever it becomes more difficult to keep abreast of the growing exactions. Brethren, be merciful. We have done our best; but we cannot give all of the Sun to you. Many other good causes invite us, whose expression is not wholly comprised within the word "give." Let us, we beseech you, have a brief respite."

The Sun states the case for every paper in the country. The papers are expected to do the urging and the begging and soliciting and to be the unpaid publicity vehicles for various undertakings and schemes for which they are not even able to vouch. During the course of the year the newspapers donate a huge amount of free publicity for all sorts of undertakings in which they are not specially concerned. The publishers they pay the freight to beat the band.

CONSUMPTIVE MINISTERS.

Board of Health Proposes Plan Whereby Churches May Care for Them.

Means whereby the churches in the State may care for their tuberculous sick are suggested in an article in the February issue of the Health Bulletin, the monthly publication of the State Board of Health. In the article referred to, the suggestion is made to any church of the State that it erect at the State Sanatorium, on a site to be given by the Sanatorium, a cottage of from four to eight rooms or more where ministers, their wives or families may have thoroughly modern and efficient treatment at about half of what such treatment would cost the church elsewhere.

Another suggestion contained in the article is that the church, in case it does not care to construct a cottage, endow one or more rooms in the present institution at the Sanatorium where consumptive ministers or their families may be cared for.

CURRENT COMMENT

We think it would be a good idea if some of the preachers would occasionally take for a subject a matter upon which we have never heard a sermon—"Gossiping." We believe that the duckling stool has gone out of fashion, but this ancient institution could be used to advantage, just as could be the whipping post for wife beaters, and the stocks for old soaks. "Dame Rumor" and all her ugly brood of prattlers can find no punishment too severe. The inuendo does its foul work where the open lie is not so deadly. Many troubles are caused by gossip. Families have been wrecked and reputations blasted by the reckless guild which whispers behind its hands.—Columbia Record.

The fact that local tobacconists are not alarmed over the British government's proposed embargo on tobacco, which it is declared, will go into effect on March 1, is received with general interest throughout this section and especially by those who have already finished their plans beds and have made plans for an increased acreage. The local tobacconists hold out that it is not thought that prices will be seriously affected and that some way will be found either by export through government license or that storage facilities will be aranged. It is generally agreed that whatever may affect this crop will most assuredly make itself felt most effectively with Rocky Mount and Eastern Carolina in fact.—Rocky Mount Telegram.

February has one day more than usual this year, and that may prove fortunate in connection with the settlement of the new issue between the submarine and armed merchantmen. Even an additional twenty-four hours is of importance in a case in which our National peace may depend upon expedition in clearing up a controversy fraught with so many possibilities of peril. What will happen is largely a question of speculation. If Germany has, as reported, a new fleet of larger and more formidable submarines, something may happen and may happen quickly. And it may happen in the Atlantic as well as in the Mediterranean. Whatever we may think as to the legality or the justification of the warfare which Germany and Austria announce that they will inaugurate on March 1, we cannot interfere until it affects American citizens. Until that occurs, it is not our business, unless we throw aside the character of neutrals and become actual belligerents. This being so, a sure way to avoid getting this country into the European trouble is for Americans not to travel on armed merchantmen belonging to belligerent powers. One may suspend the exercise of a right without renouncing it. Nobody can change international law without the consent of all the great powers. But a neutral has the right to put its own construction on international law, so far as it is concerned, and to refuse to expose itself to unnecesary risks. And its citizens have the right to keep out of danger. Common sense is sometimes better than technical sense.—Baltimore Sun.

An interesting and highly instructive version of the peace prospects in Europe has been received from a source so well informed that the outline of it is worth presenting on its own merits. The report is this: Among the European official classes it is understood that neither side can win, and that the war is going to be a draw. The public utterances about "fighting the war through to a finish" (common to both sides) are to keep up appearances before the people and before the enemy. Complicated as the terms of peace in Europe are, they do not permit any obstacles which are impossible of settlement. The real obstacle in the way of a speedy peace in Europe, according to this version, is Japan. Directly the war broke out Japan seized Kiaochow. There was a certain poetic justice in this. At the close of the Chino-Japanese war in 1895 Russia, France and Germany stepped in and applied pressure which compelled Japan to "respect the territorial integrity of China." Then, by way of respecting that territorial integrity themselves, Russia, France, Germany and finally, England, pounced on China, and each eagle bore away a lump of territory in its beak. Now, it appears, Japan has seized the moment to promulgate a Monroe Doctrine of Asia. Why not? "Asia for the Asiatics." Again, why not? European methods have found an apt and cynical pupil in Japan. But now the question which confronts the warring nations of Europe is: How rearrange the Far Eastern question? Can the European nations afford to allow Japan to keep Kiaochow? If not, how settle the Kiaochow business? That the situation is awkward is easy to see. If the European peoples must, indeed, go on slaughtering one another while their rulers puzzle how to adjust the problems created by their thieveries in Asia, it would be only one more grisly chapter added to the crimes of imperialism.—Boston Globe.

DEMOCRACY'S DANGER.

The following letter, furnished The Star for publication, is explanatory of itself:

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 24, 1916.

Senator Lee S. Overman, Senate Chamber, Washington, D. C.

My Dear Senator:

I beg to confirm my Day Letter of this date as follows:

"The Democratic party is in the balance. If the Democratic Congress fails to support the President in his stand for American rights and against German demands the country will necessarily and rightfully turn to the Republicans for protection of American rights and American dignity. Let the party slogan be America first."

In my judgment the situation has become so acute that it will be fatal to the fortunes of the Democratic party to make a false step at this juncture, and because of the firm belief that the welfare of the country demands the continuance of the Wilson Administration in power, feel constrained to add something to the telegram.

The Lusitania affair has strained the patience of the country to the breaking point. The public mind has almost reached the conclusion that Democratic control and national welfare are not synonimous terms, and it is the first demand of statesmanship to remove this impression, and do it quickly. I cannot but believe that the State Department erred in its memorandum to the Teuton Powers, wherein it intimated a disposition to concur in the position that merchant ships armed for defense would come under the category of warcraft, but Mr. Wilson has redeemed this error in his later utterances, and now stands on firm ground.

It is noteworthy that the Republicans almost, if not entirely, to a man, are either taking sides with the President or reserving their opinions, and the effect is to identify Democratic policy with un-American principles, while leaving to the Republicans the role of national champions. Nor can it be denied that there is much ground for this impression, and yet no sane man, irrespective of party affiliation, will honestly contend that the Wilson Administration has not on the whole served the country better than would have been the case under Republican policies. However, we must not lose sight of the fact that public opinion is formulated not so much on sound reason as on superficial evidences, and when current events identify the opposition with American ideals, it is time for the Administration to find a Democratic Congress firmly supporting its demands. This is not only patriotic but sound politics, and when these two angles are comprehended in the situation there is no possible tangent to justify the falling away of support.

Mr. Wilson has defined and practiced neutrality in a way that will stand the test of reason and the verdict of time. There was no reservation in the German assurances, expressed or implied, that the immunity to merchant ships was not given under prevailing conditions, and to allow Germany at this date to interpolate a new condition does violence to both reason and law, and in my judgment no party can live in America which, at the dictation of a vicious Teuton Power, alters conditions during the progress of war, thereby nullifying the spirit and the fact of neutrality, and making this country the ally of policies and practices which the spirit of the people repudiates with abhorrence.

The sum of the matter is this: Is the Democratic party an American party? This question will be answered by the course of the Congress in the matter now taxing every resource of mind and will of the President. No political party can complain when its fortunes are left to its own doings, and if the Democratic party is repudiated it will be only because it has ceased to command public confidence in an emergency without parallel in the turbulent existence of our short national life.

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(Special Star Correspondence).

Southport, N. C., Feb. 24. — Continued inquiry for timber rights in Brunswick county is the most active industrial movement here. This inquiry comes in different ways. There is query by mail to real estate or prominent citizens who are known to control or be in touch with large tracts of timber lands, asking for prices. There is the man who comes and secures all possible options, paying a few dollars and signing up tracts that may cut 100,000 or more feet. This is no doubt anticipating a demand later on, from those who will want timber rights and be willing to pay a bonus for what this early man has secured. Then there is the purchaser who is buying outright these timber rights, and this is the most important business of all.

Of these buyers, a recent purchase by the South Hill Manufacturing Company, of South Hill, Va., is noteworthy, as the purchase covers a number of tracts in the northern end of the county, which had been bought several years ago by Manning & Ange, of Williamston, N. C. This purchase has for its consideration about $28,000.

Your correspondent is informed that the South Hill people are not likely to cut this timber at present, rather if conditions are favorable their company will buy additional adjoining tracts, thus bringing their holdings together, as the tracts purchased from Manning & Ange are not contiguous.

The Southport Lumber Company, whose mill was burned on the 8th instant, has rebuilt the mill, taking the machinery, which was not all injured by the fire, and supplying such parts as needed from the manufacturers. The matter of frame work necessary was easily made up from the company's own stock. This mill is now located a few miles north of this city.

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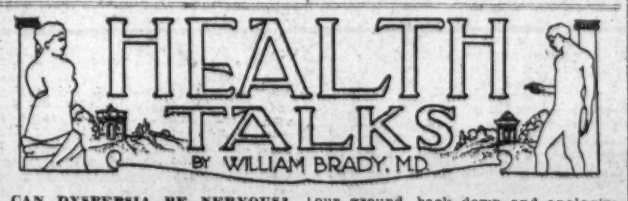

CAN DYSPEPSIA BE NERVOUS?

From time to time we have let loose our unbridled ridicule upon the diagnosis or guess of "nervous dyspepsia," in this column and in correspondence with readers. Now, in order to be perfectly fair, we are obliged to eat our words. Sometimes dyspepsia really can be nervous, we have just discovered. We are young yet. We'll learn.

Pawlow, the great Russian physiologist, who did a delicate surgical operation whereby he was able to divide off a pouch from a dog's stomach and make a little opening into the pouch to permit of observation and study, found that the mere sight and smell of savory food instituted a prompt flow of gastric juice, even if the food never entered the stomach. Further, he found that if the dog was shown food, and the psychic influence induced a free flow of juice, this flow persisted for some time, even after the food was removed from the dog's sight or smell. And most important of all, he learned that if the flow was thus induced, and then the dog was emotionally aroused by the sight of a cat, the flow promptly ceased, and could not be restored for some time afterward, even if food was offered. The dog, it is plain, had psychic dyspepsia—or would have if fed while his anger or rage was thus inhibiting or preventing the secretion of the digestive fluid.

Identical observations have been made by numerous other physiologists, notably Professor Cannon of Harvard. And that the same psychic or nervous influences prevail in man is borne out by several observations made upon human beings with gastric fistula—that is, an opening made through the side into the stomach, for feeding purposes, in patients with some obstruction of the esophagus or gullet.

Wherefore we retract, revoke, shift our ground, back down and apologize. "Nervous dyspepsia" is. There's nothing indefinite about it, after all. You simply worry, get angry, stew, fuss or whine over your dinner—and secretion stops; you feel that load or fullness like a lump in your stomach, and you rush for your dyspepsia tablets, which don't do a bit of good.

Don't ask us to advise a remedy for nervous dyspepsia. Buy a phonograph, study the humorous column, crack some jokes about friend wife's cooking, or pull your neighbor's chair away just as he goes to sit down—anything to cheer up the atmosphere and give old Doctor Psychology a show.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Tigh Collars and Blackheads.

A doctor told me my high, tight collars (I wear waists and like my collars tight) will prevent curing blackheads with which my face is covered. Is this correct?

Answer—Anything that tends to congestion of the skin will favor the formation of blackheads, which are sebaceous ducts clogged with unatturally thick oil or sebum.

Witch Hazel and the Eyes.

Is witch hazel a good and safe wash for weak eyes? Have tried it once, and it makes my eyes feel good.

Answer—Extract of witch hazel contains alcohol, which is an irritant to the eye. Better, we think, is boric acid—all the powdered boric acid you can dissolve in boiled water.

Overeating and Perspiration.

I am a very stout man of thirty-three. I perspire excessively with the slightest exertion, so that I have to change my clothes several times a day in warmer weather. Can you suggest what causes this?

Answer—Overeating. Ask your Congressman, or the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., to send you Farmers' Bulletin No. 142, Principles of Nutrition and limit your daily diet to 2,000 calories.

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MEMORIAL CHURCH NEARLY COMPLETED

Gift of Dr. Sprunt to Winter Park Presbyterians

Beautiful Edifice in Wilmington Suburb Will Soon be Ready for Dedication—Splendid Addition to the Village.

The finishing touches are now being made to the new Presbyterian church at Winter Park, which is a gift of Dr. James Sprunt as a memorial to his sister, Mrs. Margaret Tannahill Hall, and it is planned to have the dedication within a short time. It is built of brick in the old Colonial style and in every detail is ideally fitted for the purpose for which it is designed.

The dedication sermon will be preached by Rev. Dr. Alexander Sprunt, of Charleston, S. C., who is a brother of Dr. James Sprunt. Rev. Andrew J. Howell, the pastor, will assist in the dedication. The exact time for the exercises will not be fixed until everything about the church is complete. The entire cost will be approximately $15,000.

The approaches to the church are built of brick in keeping with the style of the structure, and shrubbery and evergreens have been planted in the church yard. The whole harmonizes in a most beautiful and attractive setting for the structure.

In front of the church entrance are four Ionic columns of white that give to the edifice a quiet but majestic dignity that has been observed in every feature of the building. The interior effects are of ivory with mahogany trimmings. On either side are five large stained glass windows while for the night services four clusters of electric lights have been provided. An Estey pipe organ, operated by electricity, has been installed. The utmost simplicity has been observed in the furnishings.

There is a gallery while on either side of the entrance are two class rooms for the Sunday school. In the rear is the pastor's study and a room for the meetings of the session. Passing out directly from the rear of the pulpit there is a pergola connecting the church building with the old structure, formerly used as the church, which was erected by the late James H. Chadbourn as a memorial to his two children. This latter building will be used by the Sunday school and also for social meetings.

The building was designed by Mr. J. F. Gause, Jr., and the construction was done by Mr. L. H. Vollers, the contractor.

On the church premises a deep well, 146 feet in length, has been sunk and a large tank is being installed. An automatic pneumatic pump will be used to keep water in the tank at all times.

Over the door to the church has been placed a memorial tablet with the following inscription:

Winter Park Presbyterian Church
erected to
The Glory of God and as a Perpetual
Memorial of
Margaret Tannahill Hall
beloved wife of E. F. Hall and daughter of
Alexander and Jane Dalziel Sprunt
A. D. 1915.

VISITORS TO WHITEVILLE

News-Reporter Has Nice Things to Say of Wilmington Attorneys.

This week's Whiteville News-Reporter has the following of local interest:

Hon. John D. Bellamy and Hon. J. O. Carr, of Wilmington, are among the visiting attorneys here this week. These two gentlemen have had a great deal to do with the business, social and political life of Eastern Carolina for many years. They are well equipped for any duty that may fall to their lot. They are able lawyers, ranking among the leaders of the State. Mr. Bellamy has twice represented this district in Congress, and there are thousands who believe that he should have been kept there. He was urged by a strong element of the Democracy of the State to run for governor this year, but Mr. Bellamy decided not to do this on account of his large business interests. Anyway, if he adheres to the wishes of his many friends he will have to throw his hat in the ring next time. Mr. Carr is a native of Duplin county, and no man ever had more loyal friends. He represented this county in the Legislature and has been a leader of the Democratic party for twenty years. He is now a member of the State Advisory Committee. He has been a strong friend to the cause of education and is chairman of the board in New Hanover."

HUDSON SUPER-SIXES HERE.

Two Are For the Cross-Town Transportation Company—Delivered.

At the garage of the Lassiter-McDuffie Co., there arrived yesterday morning the three handsome seven-passenger Hudson Super-Six cars, two of which were recently sold to the Cross-Town Transportation Co., which will operate a line of jitneys and the other is for Mr. Hugh MacRae, president of the Tidewater Power Co. The cars are very handsome, capacious and were much admired on "automobile row" yesterday.

The Hudson Super-Six was the sensation of the recent New York and Chicago shows and naturally there was much interest among local motorists in these new cars. The tests developed under A. A. A. auspices before this model was announced were a revelation and the cars yesterday received by the Lassister-McDuffie Company were put through some of the tests experienced with the official tests and they did themselves great credit.

These cars will perhaps be the handsomest in the South in the jitney service and it is expected that they will be put in operation in a very short time now.

DONATE ENCYCLOPEDIA TO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Set of 16 Volumes is Presented by Knights of Columbus.

The local order of the Knights of Columbus has presented to the public library of Wilmington a 16-volume set of the Catholic Encyclopedia, which contains the biographies of notable churchmen and saints from the earliest times, as well as sketches of the various orders of priests.

The work is a valuable contribution to the history of religion, and as it will be kept in the reading room of the public library, it can be easily consulted by any one seeking information about Catholic institutions and history. The presentation was made by a committee consisting of Messrs. William Sheehan, James O. Reilly and George P. Galvin.

TRANSFERRED TO MOBILE

Adjutant and Mrs. D. Mataxas, of Salvation Army, Will Leave Next Week For New York.

Adjutant and Mrs. Demos Mataxas, who have been for nearly five years in charge of the local branch of the Salvation Army, have been transferred to Mobile, Ala., and will leave this city next week to take charge of their new work. The successor to Adjutant Mataxas in Wilmington has not yet been named.

The Salvation Army in Mobile owns its quarters, which are quite large and well equipped. Its work in that city has been developed on an extensive scale and the transfer of Adjutant Mataxas to that station is a promotion that carries with it increased responsibilities. He has rendered efficient and valuable service in Wilmington and in the splendid work carried on here for the past five years, Mrs. Mataxas has had an important part. She has worked faithfully day and night for the uplift and betterment of all with whom she has come in contact. Her influence for good has been felt by a great many people.

There will be many people in Wilmington who will regret to learn that they are to leave the city. Their work has been among the needy and afflicted largely and they have been the means of accomplishing much good. They have had the cordial co-operation of the people of every faith and all creeds and naturally they have become devoted to the city and its inhabitants, as does everyone who lives here for any considerable length of time.

Adjutant Goellner, of Philadelphia, was in the city yesterday in the interest of the work among the young people. He was very much pleased with the condition of the local station. An open-air service was conducted last night at Front and Princess streets and there were a number of conversions. Adjutant Goellner will go to New Bern today.

J. MARION WOODWARD DEAD.

Well Known and Highly Respected Young Man Passed Away Yesterday.

A host of Wilmington friends learned yesterday with sorrow of the death of Mr. Joseph Marion Woodard, which occurred at 4 o'clock yesterday morning at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Woodward, No. 210 North Second street, after a few days' illness with complications that followed a stroke of paralysis suffered by Mr. Woodward seven years ago.

Mr. Woodward was up and about the streets the early part of the week as usual, but on Monday felt badly and the day following a physician was summoned to attend him. In his enfeebled condition, he responded little, if at all, to treatment and though everything possible was done for him, the hand of death could not be stayed and he passed away at the hour named.

Mr. Woodward was a son of the late Col. W. J. Woodward, so well known and beloved in Wilmington, and was 42 years of age. Before his illness seven years ago he was with the J. Weller Company, in Cincinnati, and for a time with the Armour Car Lines, in Chicago. Having suffered a stroke of paralysis seven years ago, incapacitating him for active duties, he had resided in Wilmington since and was well known and much liked by those those in the circle of his acquaintance. He was noble and generous in his impulses, remarkably well read and possessing a keen intelligence until the last. His death will be genuinely regretted wherever he was known.

Surviving him are his mother; two brothers, Messrs. C. W. and Eugene J. Woodward, of this city, and five sisters, Mrs. J. L. Havelhurst, Mrs. R. S. Rose, Mrs. R. E. Tapp and Miss Emma Woodward, of Wilmington, and Mrs. A. F. Bowen, of Raleigh.

The funeral will be conducted from the residence at 11 o'clock this morning, Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., officiating, and the interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

TO JAIL IN DEFAULT.

James Basuria, Colored, Found Guilty of Assault—Other Cases.

The chief sufferer at yesterday morning's session of the Recorder's court was James Basuria, colored, who was sentenced to pay a fine of $5 and costs on an assault charge, in default of which he was committed to jail for a term of 60 days.

In the case of Lee Bordeaux, charged with assault with a deadly weapon on Officer Fulford, who went to his home to arrest the defendant's brother, Oscar, several days ago, Recorder B. G. Empie reserved his decision until next Tuesday, after hearing the testimony in the case.

The defendant denied having drawn a gun on the officer on the occasion in question, while Officer Fulford swore that he did. The other cases disposed of were: George Roderick, charged with cruelty to animals, judgment suspended on payment of costs; M. B. Murphy and E. O. Cotton, charged with affray, judgment suspended on payment of costs; James King, colored, charged with larceny, not guilty.

TO INSPECT THE WORK ON HARBOR OF REFUGE

Colonel Langfitt and Captain Ridley Go to Cape Lookout.

Col. W. C. Langfitt, division engineer, U. S. A., of Savannah, and Captain C. S. Ridley, of the local office, left yesterday afternoon for Cape Lookout, where they will inspect the improvements being made there in connection with the building of a harbor of refuge for shipping on the North Carolina coast.

Stone is being dumped from barges at the rate of several thousand tons a day in connection with the building of the breakwater. The breakwater is being built in the shape of a trapezoid, the bottom of which is composed of smaller stones, on top of which is placed stones weighing as much as seven to ten tons each. A third course of small stone is then laid on the top of the breakwater.

DEATH OF MRS. HELBIG

Aunt of Mr. H. E. Bonitz Passed Away at Home in Lynchburg, Va.

News of the death of Mrs. Amelia Helbig at her home in Lynchburg, Va., which occurred yesterday morning, was received here yesterday by her nephew, Mr. H. E. Bonitz, and other relatives living in Wilmington.

Besides Mr. Bonitz, Mrs. Helbig is survived by four nieces, who live in this city, as follows: Miss Florence L. Bonitz, Mrs. W. D. Blalock, Mrs. R. B. Anders and Mrs. Bertram Quelch. Miss Florence Bonitz and probably several other members of the family will leave this morning for Lynchburg in order to attend Mrs. Helbig's funeral.

WILMINGTON TAKES ON METROPOLITAN EFFECT

Throngs of People Admire Beautiful Window Displays

"Electric Center" With Brilliant Illumination Furnishes Setting For the Scene—Weather Ideal For the Occasion.

Wilmington was transformed last night into a real metropolis and the thousands of people who thronged the street went home much prouder of their city than they had been. There may have been a few grumblers in the crowd, but they didn't have much to say for there was chorus of praise on every hand. The merchants did themselves proud in decorating their windows and the turning on of the lights at Front and Princess, the "electric center," furnished an ideal setting for the metropolitan aspect of the streets.

A reporter hied himself forth to gather data on the window display and, although he was prepared to write in terms of superlatives, he discovered that words would hardly do justice to what he found. He had been informed that the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce had inaugurated a window trimming contest and that merchants had been busy for days decorating and getting ready for the occasion. However, he found that they had done even better than the most optimistic press notice had forecasted and he had to gather in a new stock of adjectives to describe the results of their labors. The contest does not close until Saturday night, so that there are two more days yet.

Around Front and Princess streets have been placed ten large mazda nitrogen lights and promptly at 6:30 o'clock last night the electricity was turned on. The result was not as striking as some had thought it would be, but by contrast one could find that there is quite a difference. The last word in electric lighting, said the press notice, and it is indeed true. The softened glow takes away some of the dazzle, but the effect is that of the silvery moon, only brighter.

The waiting room for the Tidewater Power Company, now nearly ready for use, was lighted up for the occasion. It has been fitted up with rustic chairs and tables down stairs, while in the gallery, which is to be used by the ladies, cozy chairs have geen provided. All around are mirrors and they help to make the scene one of rare attraction. This will be one of the most attractive places in the city.

Strolling along North Front street, he first spied Schuster's window, which presented a beautiful effect with its yellow background and all sorts of silverware and other articles. Woolworth's windows were artistically decorated and the articles handsomely arranged. In one was grouped a plenteous supply of cotton goods with the appropriate suggestion that here in the Southland one can be fully garbed without having recourse to any foreign country.

With striking backgrounds of purple and light green, Peterson & Rulfs had a pretty collection of the shoes they carry, while patriotic feelings were inculcated by "Old Glory," as it was artistically portrayed in colored salts in the window of the People's Supply Company with canned goods grouped around.

Belk-Williams Co. had one of the most striking of all the displays, showing a cozy scene in one of their windows with a mother and her two children busily engaged in knitting. There was no faking about it—they were really and truly alive—although some thought that perhaps they were models.

Plummer's had an attractive display of candies, while the Wilmington Shoe Company had a fine assortment of shoes with a pretty background.

Spring, 1916, was the message conveyed by the windows at Polvogt's and here many ladies stopped. There was the spring hat, the spring dress, all the flimsy things that help to make women lovely and beautiful. Those windows are works of art. Next door is a most beautiful display of flowers of many kinds from Mrs. L. P. Fowler, while Mathews' Candy store tempts one to come inside with a pretty assortment of candies.

A dining room with all the handsome fixtures of a modern home are shown at Sterchi-Bancroft's, while the Cape Fear Hardware Company shows all sorts of sporting goods. The miniature dolls arranged for a baseball game caused the youngsters to stop and admire.

Shrier & Solomon shows men's furnishings of all the latest designs, while A. D. Brown does the same for the women. In the window of F. A. Bissenger is shown all the apparatus for lens grinding and also an assortment of jewelry.

Laces are artistically and beautifully arranged in one of Kress' windows, while threads are used in another, and in still another are eatables of many kinds. These windows are works of art and beautiful in their effects. J. M. Solky & Co. have a striking array of men's goods and Boylan & Hancock show all kinds of shoes. Around the corner is a window that will appeal to many at this time of the year, this being a display of paints and varnishes by Davis-Moore Paint Co.

Just across the street W. R. Dosher & Co. have a bath room fitted up in one of their windows with every enecssary feature. G. Dannenbaum shows the old and the new way of making wearing apparel for women, the old sewing machine with its operator, while standing beside it is a saleslady with the article ready to be passed out.

The New Way market had a display that immediately made one hungry. There was tempting array of meats in one window, in another of fish, while still another had vegetables. Big steaks, artistically arranged, made housekeepers stop to look the second time.

C. D. Kenny showed the different brands of sugar they carry, while N. Jacobi & Co. had their windows diked out in holiday attire, the most striking being that showing all the accessories of a door. George W. Penny had arranged a display advertising a certain branad of shoes. There was the ship and the water and the lighthouse with its beacon of light. There were many who stopped to admire.

"Made in Wilmington" ginghams were displayed to splendid advantage by Mr. J. W. H. Fuchs, and next door L. W. Davis & Co. had arranged a display of men's furnishings. Davis & Hintze showed just a few of the 57 varieties of vegetables they carry, but there were a plenty.

"Safety always" was the beckoning message from a lighthouse of solid

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PLAN FOR SEASIDE ASSEMBLY

After Conference With Local Committeemen, Secretary Middleton Announces Arrangements.

Following a conference held yesterday at the Young Men's Christian Association with members of the local committee, appointed to make arrangements for the Baptist Seaside Assembly to be held at Wrightsville Beach, June 26 to July 2, inclusive, Secretary E. L. Middleton, of Raleigh, announced yesterday afternoon a list of noted divines who will deliver lectures at the assembly.

Two Chatauqua lectures each day, he stated, will be a feature of the assembly. In addition to the lectures just mentioned, the following have been secured to lecture and teach in connection with the religious training school work, which will be an important feature of the gathering: Dr. W. J. McGlothlin, of Louisville, Ky.; Dr. P. E. Burroughs, of Nashville, Tenn.; Prof. L. P. Leavell, of Oxford, Miss.; Dr. C. T. Ball, of Ft. Worth, Texas; Dr. B. W. Spillman, of Kinston; Miss Annie L. Williams, of Birmingham, Ala., and a large number of North Carolina pastors and Woman's Missionary workers.

Mr. Middleton, who is secretary of the Baptist State Convention for Sunday School work, stated that the assembly is expected to bring from 500 to 800 persons to Wrightsville Beach during the ten days it is in session there.

The conference held yesterday was was for the purpose of arranging various features of the programme, which will include B. Y. P. U. work, organized classes for Bible and doctrinal studies, evangelistic work and conferences for pastors and Woman's Missionary workers.

Secretary Middleton stated that he was very much pleased to learn that the Tidewater Power Company is seriously considering the suggestion of the committee in charge of arrangements for the assembly, that an auditorium be built at Wrightsville Beach with a seating capacity for about 3,000 persons. Mr. Middleton stated that if this auditorium is built with the necessary rooms for conference and class room work, it would probably be the means of bringing many such gatherings to the Beach during the summer months, as it could be used for all sorts of religious and civic conventions.

COUNTY TEACHERS TO MEET

State Agent L. C. Brogden Will Make Address

L. C. Brogden, state agent in rural school work will address the public school teachers of New Hanover county at their regular monthly meeting tomorrow at 10:30 o'clock at the Hemenway school on the subject of "The Training of Teachers."

Mr. Brogden is an expert in educational matters and the local teachers are looking forward with much pleasure to hearing his views on a subject in which they have vital professional interest.

MUSICALE WAS SUCCESS

Fine Entertainment is Given by Interurban Fans.

The musical entertainment given at Winter Park last night by the Interurban Baseball League was a decided success, and was largely attended.

Every number on the programme was good, and that the various selections given were thoroughly appreciated by the audience was shown by the number of encores that were demanded. The entertainment was concluded by several popular selections which were sung by the A. C. L. quartette.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were filed for record yesterday: Southeastern Realty Company to the Chadbourn Lumber Co., for $100 and other considerations, lot on east side of 14th street, 99 feet south of Dock, 33x150 feet in size; Charles K. Myers to Caroline K. Myers, for $5 and other considerations, lot on southeast corner of Second and Dock streets, 55x66 feet in size; Sabina Judicki to W. T. Simpson, for $100 and other considerations, tract of land in Cape Fear township containing 23½ acres, being a part of the Marathon colony; J. Irving Bear to J. A. Carter and wife, for $100 and other considerations, lot on west side of Eighth street, 33 feet north of Kidder, 33x155 feet in size; F. A. Bissinger and wife to Ike Adler, for $1 and other considerations, lot in Seabreeze Park in Masonboro township.

Local Architect Gets Contract.

Mr. H. E. Bonitz, the architect, has been awarded the contracts for furnishing plans for three Lutheran churches in North and South Carolina. The above churches are located at Kannapolis, N. C.; Salisbury, N. C., and Cameron, S. C.

—The following arrivals were registered yesterday at the Hotel Wilmington: Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Canada, Raleigh; J. C. Robinson, Lumberton; C. J. Robinson, Chadbourn; L. W. Jones, Goldsboro; W. O. Paine, Goldsboro; Capt. J. L. Davis, Salt Lake City, Utah; T. J. Stocks, Greensboro, and W. F. Bailey, Jr., Worth.

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DIED.

WOODWARD—At his home in this city, Thursday, February 24th, 1916, at 4:30 A. M., JOSEPH MARION WOODWARD, son of the late Col. Wm. J. Woodward and of Mrs. Mary Woodward, aged 42 years.

Funeral this (Friday) morning at 11 o'clock, from the residence, No. 210 North Second street; interment in Oakdale cemetery. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

(Advertisement.)

At The Head Of The Electric Center

YOURS FOR SAFETY

THE PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK

CORNER FRONT AND PRINCESS STREETS.

WORK IS STARTED ON THE TABERNACLE.

Will Cost About $3,000 and Seat Nearly 4,000 Persons.

Construction work on the Tabernacle building, in which Rev. Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman and Mr. Charles M. Alexander will conduct a series of revival meetings during the coming spring, was begun yesterday on the lot at Fourth and Castle streets.

In order that the building, which it is estimated will cost in the neighborhood of $3,000, and have seating capacity of about 4,000 persons, may be ready in ample time for the date set for the opening of the revival services in Wilmington, the building committee under whose supervision it will be erected, have decided to make an early start, and it is believed that there will be no difficulty in carrying out this plan.

Mr. Robert L. Johnson has been awarded the contract for the construction work, while Mr. H. E. Bonitz will be the supervising architect. C. F. Howell & Co., have the contract for furnishing the lumber; M. W. Divine & Co., the contract for the roofing, and N. Jacobi & Co., the contract for furnishing the nails and hardware.

The building committee consists of the following: Messrs. H. E. Bonitz, C. C. Chadbourn, C. E. Clark, R. H. Brady, D. L. Struthers and W. A. McGirt.

DEATH OF MR. GLENN.

Father of Mrs. W. P. Toon Passed Away at Home in Glenn Falls, N. Y.

Many friends will sympathize tenderly with Mrs. W. P. Toon in the death of her father, Mr. Thos. J. Glenn, which occurred yesterday at his home in Glenn Falls, N. Y. Mrs. Toon has been at his bedside for the past week. The news of his death was learned through telegrams sent to the family here yesterday.

Mr. Glenn visited Wilmington four years ago and spent several months here. He was prominently identified with the G. A. R. He made many friends while visiting here, who will regret to learn of his death.

March 1st

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	Regular 50c Massage Cream... 39c

These preparations are regular 25c and 50c advertised goods and are being sold at the above prices for two weeks only in order to introduce them to the women of Wilmington. After March 15th they will be sold only at regular prices. Our saleslady will present you with a coupon entitling you to the special sale price if one has not already been mailed to you. Not more than two of any one article at these prices.

BELK-WILLIAMS CO.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Dewey, of Whiteville, were registered yesterday at the Orton.

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Miss Alberta Corbett, of Atkinson, has returned to her home after a short visit to friends in this city.

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Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Anderson, of Tabor, were visitors in the city yesterday, guests at the Orton.

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Mrs. J. R. Thomson, of Lake Waccamaw, was a visitor in the city yesterday, a guest at the Orton.

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Miss Nellie Reynolds has returned to this city, after spending several days as the guest of Miss Elizabeth Roper at Malmo.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leo. Simons, of Philadelphia, arrived in this city Wednesday from Havana, and are guests at the Orton Hotel.

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The High School Girls' Bible class will meet this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at the Y. W. C. A. Rev. W. V. McRae is the teacher of this class.

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The members of the Department of Civics and Home Economics of the North Carolina Sorosis will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the club rooms.

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The regular monthly meeting of the missionary branch of the Epworth League of Grace Methodist church will be held tonight at 8 o'clock. A cordial welcome to all is extended.

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Capt. Francis Wilby, U. S. A., of Wheeling, W. Va., who spent yesterday in this city with Captain C. S. Ridley, of the United States Engineer Corps, has left for Washington, D. C.

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The Friday Morning Bible class at the Y. W. C. A., of which Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure is the teacher, will not meet this morning on account of Dr. McClure's absence from the city.

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Mrs. F. M. Jolly leaves today for Havana, Cuba, to join her husband, Mr. F. M. Jolly, who is representing the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company there in the interest of the passenger department.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Rankin, of New York, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Horace D. Springer, left yesterday morning for Florida, from which place they will go on to California. Mr. and Mrs. Rankin are on a regular winter tour. Mr. Rankin is proprietor of the Gerard Hotel, New York.

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The play given by Mrs. Russ at Oak Hill school for the benefit of the Oak Hill Improvement Club was quite a success in every way. The amount raised was $50. Miss Lottie Burnett, having been voted the most popular girl, received the honor of getting the cake, which was sold for $44.05. All present were delighted with the entertainment.

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The members of the Literature Department of the North Carolina Sorosis met yesterday afternoon at the club rooms. The short story was the subject for discussion, and Miss Elizabeth McKoy read Mark Twain's "Jumping Frog" story; Mrs. Ross read "Zenobia's Infidelity," by Henry Bunner; and Mrs. W. C. Curtis read a short story by Alfonse Daudet.

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All ladies interested in the anti-cigarette movement are invited to meet Mrs. David A. Cleage at 11 o'clock this morning at the Sorosis club rooms on North Third street, between Princess and Chestnut, for the purpose of organizing an anti-cigarette league. Mrs. Cleage has been in the city for several days in the interest of this work and has met with much encouragement. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance at the meeting this morning.

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Miss A. M. Taylor's lectures on the Bible will be given at the Y. M. C. A. at 4 o'clock each afternoon except Saturday and Sunday beginning March 27th and continuing through April 7th. The price of tickets will be $2 and they will be transferable. Information regarding the lectures can be secured from anyone of the committee on arrangements which is composed of Mrs. B. T. Hopkins, Mrs. C. O. Byerly, Mrs. George Thomas, Jr., Miss Alice Wright, Mrs. Walter Sprunt, Mrs R. B. Slocum, Mrs. H. B. Branch, Mrs. L. M. Shepard, Miss Anna Trout, Mrs. J. H. Dreher, or from the Y. M. C. A.

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GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY TO GIVE ENTERTAINMENT

A George Washington tea will be given at 8:30 o'clock this evening by the Girls' Friendly Society at the hall of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets.

The programme will include the following: Piano solo, Miss Olivia Hewlett; reading, Miss Annie Phelps; "America," by the audience; reading, Miss Lillie Phelps; minuet dance, Shoemaker's Dance, and song, "The Star Spangled Banner." Ice cream and home-made candy will be for sale, and the public is cordially invited to attend. Admission will be free.

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Friends in Wilmington have received handsomely printed announcements reading as follows:

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Payton Fearrington
announce the marriage of their daughter
Elizabeth Rudder
to
Mr. Avery Burr Croom
on Wednesday, the twenty-third of
February
Nineteen hundred and sixteen
Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
At Home
March twentieth
Wilmington, North Carolina.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. T. G. Hyman, of Newbern, was among yesterday's guests at The Orton.

—Mr. John P. Cooper, of Mullins, S. C., was here yesterday, a guest at The Orton.

—Messrs. T. A. Burrows and H. P. Little, of Conway, S. C., are guests at the Orton.

—Mr. J. F. Simpson, of Point Caswell, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

—Mr. C. F. Gregson, Sr., of Hamlet, arrived yesterday to visit his sons, Mr. Franklin Gregson, chief clerk at the Orton, and Mr. W. D. Gregson.

—Mrs. Fred M. Schiller has returned from New York City, where she has been purchasing her spring line of millinery for Taylor's.

—Mr. E. J. McRacken, a Vineland, was in the city yesterday on his way to Kinston to be with his son, Edward P. McRackan, who is very ill at the Caswell Training School.

—Capt. J. R. Matthewson, who has charge of the improvements of the upper Cape Fear for the government, was in the city yesterday, a guest at the Orton.

—Mr. J. F. Reynolds, telegraph editor of The Morning Star, has returned to this city after spending a few days at Elon College, where he visited friends.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Orton yesterday were: G. F. Adkins, Raleigh; J. A. Williams and W. D. Mooneyson, Elliots; E. L. Middleton and W. R. Crawford, Raleigh; J. J. Barnhardt, Concord; T. G. Hyman, Newbern; H. M. Powell, Fair Bluff; A. J. Barbour, Greensboro; E. B. Edwards, Lumberton; H. E. Cox, Burgaw; D. L. Cuthrel, Goldsboro; J. C. Robertson, Lumberton.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Sam Sumpter, colored, was held yesterday afternoon by Justice George Harriss for a hearing this morning on the charge of the larceny of a silk dress from Kosch's store on Fourth street.

—Whiteville News-Reporter: Judge W. P. Stacy is making a fine record here this week, and both the lawyers and laymen are pleased with him. He has the judicial mind and all those qualities that go to make a splendid judge. One would think that Judge Stacy had been on the bench for years. He simply knows how to fill the high office he holds.

—Whiteville News-Reporter: Strawberries will soon be turning red. There is not going to be anything like a large crop of these delicious, crimson berries this year, because the growers were compelled to abandon them long ago on account of the uncertainty of the crop, caused by the weevel and the overproduction in all the berry growing sections of the South.

—At an early hour this morning, Roy Burris, the 15-year-old boy who was accidentally shot through the chest by William Gaskill, his companion, and who is a patient at the James Walkes Memorial Hospital was reported as resting as comfortably as could be expected under the circumstances. It is reported that unless complications should set in, he has a fair chance to recover.

—The jury in the case of John Batts, colored, against the Auto Transit Company reported yesterday morning to Recorder B. G. Empie that they could not agree on a verdict, and were discharged. In this case the plaintiff sought to recover $500 for the loss of the services of his wife who was injured in a collision between a jitney bus operated by the defendant company, and a buggy driven by the plaintiff. The plaintiff is at liberty to seek a new trial.

DEFENDS CONSTITUTNIONALITY OF KEATING CHILD LABOR BILL

Senator Kenyon Says Action by Congress is Question of Discretion.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, today defended in the Senate the constitutionality of the Keating-Owen child labor bill which has passed the House and is now with the Senate Interstate committee. The bill's opponents, he said, declared it confiscatory in that it would take private property without due compensation to the respective states.

"The contention that the power of Congress in interstate commerce is absolute has never been denied by the Supreme court." Senator Kenyon said. "It is not a question of power, but one of discretion similar to the measure preventing the manufacture of oleomargarine and the shipment of liquor into states where its sale is forbidden by state laws and the restriction of the traffic in habit forming drugs."

J. E. HANEL INDICTED

Charged With the Murder of Mrs. Julia Heilner, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

New York, Feb. 24.—An indictment charging murder in the first degree, growing out of the robbery and murder of Mrs. Julia Heilner, a wealthy Brooklyn widow, was returned today against Joseph E. Hanel, arrested recently in Baltimore. Hanel made a full confession, according to the district attorney's office, in which he declared he killed Mrs. Heilner by striking her over the head with a bottle and then strangling her with a rope.

COLONEL HOUSE TO RETURN

Mrs. Whitelaw Reid Will Also be Passenger on Steamer Rotterdam.

Falmouth, Feb. 24.—The steamship Rotterdam, sailing for New York tomorrow, will carry among other passenger Colonel E. M. House, special representative of President Wilson, and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid.

WILMINGTON AAKES ON METROPOLITAN EFFECT

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cake at Farris' bakery, while J. T. Burke showed in his display a fine collection of jewelry, silverware, cut glass and optical glasses. W. Munroe & Co. had furniture display.

S. & B. Solomon had a lot of shoes, but that which made most people stop to look was the old see-saw with a tiny boy on either end, bouncing up and down, suggesting spring days and playgrounds.

Goodman's and R. C. Platt on Market street showed beautiful displays of ladies' goods, Siwasa Grocery had a collection of many things they carry while in one window was a U. S. flag done in sals. The Queen City Cycle Company had a wheel display and Hall & Ross advertised pure foods in a collection of canned goods arranged most artistically. That duck and the old stump in the window of the Wilmington Grocery Co. caused many to stop but there were many other things prettily grouped. Krahnke had tailoring materials arranged attractively. Letter writers, especially those of sentimental nature, found much pleasure in viewing the beautiful array at Yates' while on the other side were cameras of many designs. Batson's market showed meats of many kinds and C. H. Fore displayed all kinds of materials for wearing apparel for women.

Toilet accessories in pleasing array were grouped in the window of Chas. F. Green, druggist. Large electric lamps with big shades in colors gave the windows of Geo. W. Huggins a beautiful appearance with jewelry of all kinds on display.

Productive of sentiment and tenderness were the roses in the windows of Honnett's with many beautiful things in cut glass, silverware and jewelry. Men found pleasure in viewing the tobacco and other smoking material at Baxter's and housekeepers looked with much pleasure at the tempting variety of good things to eat at May's Delicatessen and also admired the bread display at the Royal Bakery.

Men's wearing apparel in pleasing effects were shown to splendid advantage at I. Shrier's and beautiful flowers made Woodall & Sheppard look pleasing and inviting. A bed room fitted out in pleasing style with all necessary features was on display at the Wilmington Furniture Company while Dixon and Kerman had splendid array of electrical fixtures of all kinds.

J. W. Blake, the electrical contractor, ot up something entirely new in his display. "Preparedness" was the lesson he sought to teach and he did it splendidly. Showing President Wilson and a miniature fort there was a search light moving from side to side while in front of many hues and colors blinked.

J. H. Rehder & Co., on North Fourth street, had beautifully decorated windows which were viewed and admired by many hundreds of people. The Payne Drug Company on North Fifth street, had in operation a miniature distillery, not for making whiskey but for distilling water, showing how careful prescriptionists are to see that everything is pure.

Messrs. H. L. Fennell, on Chestnut street, and W. D. MacMillan, Jr., on North Second street, had splendid displays, advertising automobiles and fixtures.

The show windows of the A. David Company, men's furnishers, on North Front street, displayed all kinds of clothing and men's wearing apparel in their usual artistic style while Southerland & Weaver and Geo. S. Nevin on Market street had pretty windows. The Hanover Furniture Co. and the Scioss-Bear-Davis Company had window displays that were much admired. Mr. J. Weil, on Market street, had window display that was very attractive.

The Tidewater Power Company was not eligible for entrance into the contest inaugurated for the five prises, offered by the International Correspondence Schools, but they decorated their windows for the occasion.

Mrs. William Latimer, Mr. Frank Meade and Mrs. W. L. Parsley are the judges for the contest and they will as soon as they have passed upon the merits of the windows in the different windows announce winners of the five scholarships, offered by the I. C. S. as prizes.

GERMAN-MEXICAN ORDERED ARRESTED BY FEDERAL JUDGE

Refused to Answer Questions Before the Federal Grand Jury.

New York, Feb. 24.—Federico Stallforth, a Mexican-German banker, was ordered today committed to the custody of the United States marshal by Federal Judge Dayton for refusing to answer questions before the Federal grand jury, investigating alleged efforts of German agents to foment trouble between this country and Mexico, and to instigate strikes in munition factories.

Stallforth was closely associated, it is said, with Franz von Rintelein, the reputed head of the German propaganda in the United States.

The Federal authorities have been anxious to find out just what relations existed between Stallforth and von Rintelen, but the banker has insisted that he could not be forced to answer questions on the ground that he is not a citizen of this country.

Stallforth is the head of a German-Mexican bank with headquarters at Parral, Mexico.

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THE N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY

Omelet with Cheese

Four eggs, half cup milk, one teaspoon flour, a little parsley, pepper and salt, half teaspoon grated cheese, one tablespoon Cottolene. Beat the egg very light and add the other ingredients. Beat all well together and pour into a pan in which a large tablespoonful of Cottolene is heated. Cook till brown, then fold over. Shake the pan while the omelet is cooking. Serve hot.

"Cottolene makes good cooking better"

THEATRICAL

If you had been suddenly lifted from the position of coal heaver to that of social lion, what would you do? If a heartless coquette should spurn your affections, would you wreck your magnificent home, give up your social position and wealth and start anew? Would you let Fate take its course or would that instinct which prompts man to take his mate assert itself? "The Cave Man," a spectacular Vitagraph Blue Ribbon Feature, which is tomorrow's great Saturday bill at the Royal, contains more heart interest per foot than any picture you have seen in a long time.

Robert Edeson, one of filmdom's greatest stars, plays the part of the "Cave Man," supported by a notable cast of Vitagraph stars, including Fay Wallace, Lillian Burns and George Back. "The Cave Man" is a story of the evolution of man, inspired in one of its leaders by the folly and superficiality of society, and depicts graphically how a man, picked haphazard from the submerged tenth is made to grow and expand into a valuable member of worth while society by the careful nursing of a spark implanted into the brain of a coal heaver. It is a drama spectacular and extraordinary in every particular, produced by J. Stuart Blackton, producer of "The Battle Cry of Peace," "The Island of Regeneration" and great film masterpieces.

"The Cave Man" will be presented at the usual prices of admission although it is the highest class picture seen in some time on the Royal screen.

"The Girl and the Game."

Today is the day again at the Grand! The fifth great episode of "The Girl and the Game" is on at the Grand today, and it's absolutely the greatest, most thrilling chapter yet. If you read it in The Star, you know something of what to expect and will not be at all disappointed in drawing largely upon your imagination, for it's absolutely the most daring, wreckless, dare-devil stunts pulled off that you have ever seen on the screen. It's absolutely breath-taking, and will leave you panting for breath after Helen escapes with her life. Don't miss it, and if you don't come early you absolutely won't be able to get in.

A Great Keystone scream is also on today's bill, "Mabel's Nerve," starring pretty Mabel Normand and a great cast of supporters, from among the great Keytone fun-makers. It's a veritable knock-out, and don't miss it.

Then there's a rousing American comedy feature, "A Sanitorium Scramble," with a laugh for every inch. Don't miss today's record breaking show. And don't forget—the crowds will be record breaking, too.

At the Victoria Next Week

All is to be merry and gay at the Victoria next week. Increasingly flattering reports come from McGeorge's Overland Girls, who are to furnish high-class, bang-up entertainment for Wilmington amusement lovers all next week. They're one of the nicest bunches of actors that were ever together and just make you enjoy yourself.

And it's an all-star aggregation—don't forget that. Besides taking their respective parts in the comedy sketch, every member of the company is a vaudeville artist of talent, and present some of the catchiest specialty numbers ever seen in Wilmington There's a black-face that will simply convulse you; there's Miss Edna Nelson, one of those sweet-voiced soprana singers that everybody will rave about, with some of the most popular ballads in her repertoire. There's that girlie, whirlie dancing chorus of pretty girls in beautiful costumes and there's "that" comedy trio in some of the best harmony singing ever seen or heard.

The opening bill for Monday and Tuesday will be "The Hotel Bric-A-Brac," with three or four bang-up specialty vaudeville numbers. Three hundred good down-stairs seats will go at 20 cents, the balance at 30 cents, and entire balcony at 10 cents.

GLADYS HANSON

The Famous Broadway Star in "The Primrose Path," Extraordinary Feature at the Royal today.

Today the Royal presents Glady's Hanson, one of the most beautiful women on the stage today, in a great and startling dramatic masterpiece, "The Primrose Path." Many scenes in "The Primrose Path" excell anything of the kind ever before attempted in a motion picture, and one scene in particular, which has received flattering press commendation everywhere the feature has been shown, is the stupendous cabaret and restaurant scene, with hundreds of women dancing—some of the newest and fanciest dances of the year.

Miss Hanson was late leading lady with E. H. Southern, and is now starring with Lou Tellegen in "The Ware Case" on Broadway. She is one of America's most talented artists and is sure to score a hit in anything in which she appears.

"The Primrose Path" depicts the tense story of a woman's great sacrifice to save the life of her husband, and of his coming into possession of the facts of the awful price she paid. Their reconciliation, of course, furnishes a pleasant and thoroughly enjoyable ending to this remarkable film drama.

At the Bijou Today.

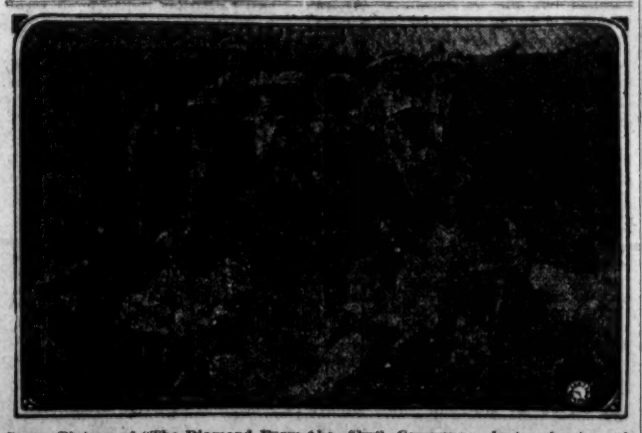
It's nonthing entirely out of the ordinary that you'll see at the Bijou today — something the like of which you never saw there before. It's simply this—the same stars in two great productions on the same bill.

Charlotte Burton and William Russel are the two brightest stars in the great cast of "The Diamond From the Sky," and today witnesses the presentation of the final and closing chapter of this great record breaking serial which has packed in more people than ever any previous serial did at the Bijou. The last chapter today is accounted one of the most marvelous pieces of work ever accomplished, for the amount of action that is in the two reels is enough to make up an ordinary feature of five or six reels.

Also—treat number two—Charlotte Burton and William Russell star today in a great Clipper-Mutual Star Feature drama, "The Smugglers of Santa Cruz." In this these great stars completely change characters, as William Russell is seen as a magnificent romantic hero, and Charlotte Burton is seen as the unsophisticated daughter of a California lighthouse keeper, who follows the call of love—even to self-destruction. It's one of those dramas that you don't see often and should be witnessed by packed houses today.

Week's Biggest Day at Royal

Today is the biggest day of the whole week at the Royal—absolutely—unless Saturday's eclipses it—and it will have to "go some" to do that!



Group Picture of "The Diamond From the Sky" Company, last chapter of which is to be presented at the Bijou today.

LACK OF QUORUM PREVENTS CONFIRMATION OF FLETCHER

Nomination as Envoy to Mexico Will be Taken up Again Today.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Only the lack of a quorum prevented confirmation in the Senate late today of the nomination of Henry Prather Fletcher as Ambassador to Mexico. On a motion to confirm the roll call showed 34 affirmative votes and 12 negatives. This was three short of a quorum and the Senate adjourned to take up the nomination tomorrow for a final vote.

The Senate reached a vote on the nomination of Mr. Fletcher after less than an hour's debate. Opposition speeches were made by Senators Borah, Smith, of Michigan; and Fall, of New Mexico, all of whom declared that to confirm the nomination would be to commit the Senate to the administration's recognition of the Carranza government.

Administration senators said tonight that the nomination would be confirmed without difficulty tomorrow.

SPANISH NAVY SEIZES 38 GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN SHIPS

Vessels Taken as Measure in Interest of Public—Not Act of War.

Lisbon, via Paris, Feb. 24.—The Official Gazette publishes the decree under which 36 German and Austrian merchant ships lying in the Tagus river were seized by the commander of the naval division here yesterday. It appears that the seizure was under a law passed by parliament on February 2. The premier in an interview affirms that the seizure is not an act of war, but simply a measure in the public interest.

DUPLIN SCHOOLS' BIG DAY

County Commencement to be Held March 10th—Planing Mill Force to Georgia.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Warsaw, N. C., Feb. 24.—March 10th is the date that has been selected for the county commencement of Duplin county, and the day is being anticipated with great interest. It will probably be the biggest day for the schools of the school year. An eminent speaker will deliver the address, and there will be various contests between pupils of the different schools. The different committees have been appointed.

In the Warsaw school, pupils receiving the highest score in respective branches among the lower grades are as follows: Second grade, reading, Sallie Faison Best; third grade, spelling, Norwood Carroll; fifth grade, reading, Max Buhmann; sixth grade, reciting, Henry E. Newbury. These will represent their classes in the contests at the commencement.

The Wilson Lumber Company, who for several years have operated a planing mill and saw mill near this town, will move their planing mill force in a few days to Camak, Georgia, where their saw mill was moved a short while ago. Mr. L. H. Harvel, the popular foreman, and his wife, will be greatly missed by the large number of friends they have made since coming here, as will also Messrs. W. B. Whiteside, bookkeeper, and J. R. Dawkins, planer. The machinery of the mill will not be shipped for several months, as the company has recently shipped the machinery from its mill at Zebulon to the same place in Georgia.

CHARLIE A. MACE IS STILL ELUDING SEARCHING BODIES

Much Talk of Lynching Burke County Man Who Murdered his Wife.

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 24.—Reports from Morganton at 10 o'clock tonight stated that Charlie A. Mace, who fled to the mountains beyond Morganton after killing his wife during a quarrel at their home eight miles from Morganton Tuesday night, was still at large, despite the unremitting efforts of several posses of sheriff's deputies and citizens to located him. Several bodies of searchers returned to Morganton this afternoon and substituted horses for automobiles, preparatory to entering the mountain fastnesses where Mace is believed to be hiding. Since the full details of the murder, said to be an unusually brutal one, have become known, public indignation has increased and telephone messages are to the effect that there is much talk of lynching Mace should he be captured. The State has offered a reward of $500 for the capture of Mace, dead or alive.

Lated details in connection with the murder indicate that the quarrel which preceded the shooting of Mrs. Mace was the outcome of the wife's objections to the presence of her husband's illicit distillery in the house. Before he became a blockader, Mace is said to haveb orne a good reputation. A citizen of Morganton, who claims to have spoken Mace as the latter was making his escape Tuesday night, says that the alleged murderer declared that he would never be taken alive.

FIRE AT MAXTON.

Negro Lodge Burned—Much Small Grain Sown in Western Robeson.

Maxton, N. C., Feb. 24.—The old negro Odd Fellows lodge on East Saunders street was found to be on fire about 6 o'clock Tuesday morning, and before the alarm could be given and the volunteer company could get to the scene the flames were beyond control and the building consumed. The building was also used as an annex to the colored graded school which is inadequate.

An entertainment was given in the lodge building Monday night, which some of the guests made to continue until a short time before the fire was discovered next morning, leaving too much fire in the heaters. There was some insurance, possibly half the value of the house and furniture.

Much small grain was sown in this section last fall, and quite a good deal more since the first of the year. The latter especially was damaged very much by the recent freeze. The fermer was also noticeably affected, but will doubtless overcome the damage. Much plowing is being done preparatory to making crops without commercial fertilizers, the results of which are somewhat problematical with most of the planters.

TO CLEAN UP KINSTON.

Police Start by Arresting Eleven Women of Segregated District.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Kinston, N. C., Feb. 24.—With the announced intention of cleaning up the local segregated district completely, the police in a raid in South and Shine streets, South Kinston, arrested eleven white women. All are being held in bail for trial on March 2, before the recorder. The defendants include several proprietriesses of alleged disorderly houses. It is said there are not many more than this number of depraved females in the vice section now. Disorderliness in at least one house is said to have prompted the authorities, who had been contemplating the move for some time, to put the police to work at the cleaning-up. The recorder and solicitor are understood to have declared that the last resort shall be closed up before the end of the year. A number of women were driven out of the city during 1915 and the year before.

TO DELIVER RULING ON THE APPAM WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS

State Department Will Soon Decide Upon Status of the Ship

Washington, Feb. 24.—The State Department's reply to Germany's request for a ruling on the status of the British liner, Appam, brought into Hampton Roads by a prize crew, probably will be delivered within three or four days. Counsellor Folk so advised counsel for the German embassy and the British owners of the steamship today, when they called at the State Department to ask that a decision be hastened in view of the libel proceedings recently instituted in the Federal court.

New York, Feb. 24.—Prospects of an early agreement on a new wage scale for the soft coal fields of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinoise, were pronounced much brighter today after the adjournment of the resumed conference of operators and organized mine workers from those states.

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PENDER COUNTY NEWS NOTES.

Republicans Meet—Wilmington Troupe Pleases—Jail is Empty.

Burgaw, N. C., Feb. 24.—The Republican county committee had a meeting here Saturday and selected delegates to the various conventions of the party. The delegates to the State convention, which meets in Raleigh March 1, are W. A. Cannon, B. F. Keith, A. K. Parsons, F. C. McKoy and J. H. Highsmith; alternate, J.B. Moore. The Republicans are counting on making gains in Pender on account of the stock law question, which has been agitating the people for the last two years.

The amateur minstrel troupe from Wilmington gave a very good performance at the school house here Tuesday night to a large audience. Those who attended were well pleased.

The Pender county jail is empty and has been since the convict force was removed. This is the first time such has been the case in a lang while, but it is a very agreeable state of affairs for the county.

Mr. W. M. Hand, who has been very ill, is reported improving. Dr. Luther Hand, of New Bern, and Mr. R. B. Hand, of Marion, S. C., who were called here on account of the illness of their father, have returned home.

Mr. J. J. Bardin went to City Point, Va., last Saturday. He returned Wednesday and reports the streets of the town in a terrible condition.

Mr. H. Garret Smith, of Norfolk, proprietor of a saw mill here, was in town this week.

Miss Gertrude Quinn, of Chinquapin, and Miss Geneva Quinn, of Watha, spent the week-end here with Miss Mauda Paddison.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic, Take Grove's

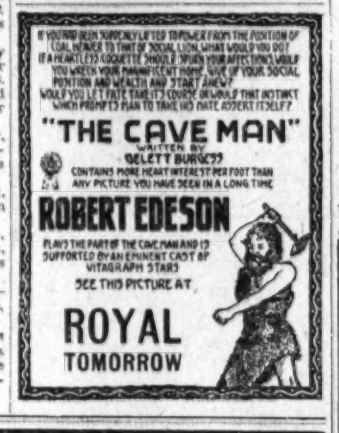
The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. 50c.

BANKERS AT GREENVILLE

Those of First Congressional District Hold Meeting.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Greenville, N. C., Feb. 24.—The bankers of Group One, the first congressional district bankers, "have came, have saw, and have went." They had an interesting and profitable meeting, which was largely attended. After the meeting many enjoyed auto rides over and about the city. They were especially impressed with Greenville as a live and growing little city, with good schools and all the advantages which to go to make an up-to-date place. Last night they were banqueted at the Hotel Proctor and all had a good time. Their next meeting will be at Washington. Officers elected were: president, W. G. Gaither, Jr., Elizabeth City; vice-president, J. S. Little, Greenville; secretary, and treasurer, C. H. Godwin, Williamston.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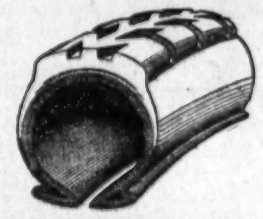

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We expect to do our part of the Millinery Business. It is not a new business with us and we know the business thoroughly. I know where to buy and how to buy and we have used all of the energy that we possibly can in purchasing the new stock.

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The Silk Sweater Assured Another Summer of Popularity -- The Sport Skirt Is Business Like But the Sport Waist May Be As Frivolous As It Pleases -- Sport Hats Have Dash.

THE dainty little summer morning frock of sprigged lawn or dimity is having a lonely time of it these days. Nobody wears it but old ladies and very small girls whose mothers do not care for rompers. All the rest of femininity spends the morning hours, and most of the afternoon as well, in sport clothes. There are many advantages about the summer wardrobe made up of sport clothes and evening gowns and women have been quick to find them out. One is so comfortable in sport clothes; so ready for anything that may come up, be it a walk, or a sail, a game of tennis, a round of golf, or afternoon tea at the club. Sport clothes will stand a deal of rough usage without being unpresentable. Of course one would like to be spic, span and immaculate every moment; turned out in a fresh outfit with each new morn; but if that is impossible no one thinks any the less of one, if one's sport skirt happens to be wrinkled, if one's sport blouse shows signs of having had its sleeves rolled up the day before for a strenuous match of tennis, if the ribbon on one's sport hat has faded, or one's sport shoes have not been whitened since yesterday.

Separate Skirts and Sport Waists For Golf.

This is the era of the separate waist and shirtwaist—only one must call it a blouse, these days; or preferably, a "bloose" if one is extremely Parisian and up-to-date. Singularly enough it is not at all necessary to wear a mannish, tailored blouse with a rough and ready sport skirt—not at all! One's tennis blouse may be of Georgette crepe daintified with hemstitching, and one's golf blouse of pink and white striped satin, if one so elects. The sheerest, most elaborate lingerie blouses were worn last summer at fashionable summer resorts, with golf and tennis skirts of flannel and awning-striped cotton; and signs at the Southern resorts this winter point to the same custom for this year.

The pastel striped golf blouses are sure to be popular; they are so comfortable in their loose grace of line, and so becoming with their soft, faint colorings. For golf wear is a washable satin waist in pale blue and white accompanying a gored golf skirt of white washable gabardine with corded stripes. The skirt has a wide belt of the material with a lap and two buttons, deep patch pockets also lapped and buttoned, and a group of buttons down the front. The blue and white satin waist has long sleeves and a high turn-over collar and tie of black moire ribbon.

Another golf costume combines a gored skirt of white satin finished pique with belt and pockets trimmed with pearl buttons; and a long-sleeved blouse of white silk striped in cerise, each stripe being outlined in black. A narrow black moire ribbon makes the tie. For golf also is a sport skirt of awning stripe cotton gabardine in green and white, with buttons of green bone, and a tucked blouse of pale green Georgette crepe with hemstitching and groups of tiny pearl buttons. So there is wide choice in skirt and waist combinations, both as to material and color.

Pastel Shades Replace Bold Hues.

There is a tendency toward softer, daintier tints in sport garb this season. Two items of sport dress show it plainly; the necktie and the sweater. Last summer's sweaters and ties were calculated to strike a sensitive taste into color blindness. This summer we shall have quieter, daintier hues it seems. Some of the new silk sweaters are charming. And by the way, silk sweaters are to be as fashionable as ever they were, so the woman who spent twenty dollars for one last season may take heart of grace. Many of the new models combine two colors, not only in ground and border effects, but in more striking manner; for instance a sweater of pale yellow and black silk has a yoke of black well below the armpits; then comes yellow silk to the hip; then a border of black. The sleeves are black as far down as the elbow and then yellow—to correspond with the color division in the sweater.

And that reminds me—one does not speak of one's sweater any more; that is if it is an expensive silk affair of the de luxe sort. Then it is a "field coat"—rather a delightful phrase that, borrowed from one's English cousins, and surely more applicable to a smart knitted silk jacket than the humble term, sweater. A new field coat is of rose pink silk with a border of black and white checks. The coat fastens high to the neck and has a straight, high collar which buttons around toward the left side. There are wedge-shaped block check pockets below the waistline at either side. The long sash has block checked ends finished with rose pink tassels.

Sweater Sashes Tie at the Side.

One ties one's sweater sash far around under the right arm now instead of in the center front; and the sash is knotted closely around the normal waistline instead of rather low in the Oriental manner. This is so that the field coat may flare below the waist with the flare of the skirt and give the snug, close effect above the waist that is desirable just now. To match the rose pink and block check field coat just described there is a stunning sport hat of burnt bread basket straw with tall crown and immense mushroom brim, the crown and upper brim covered with applique rose and black silk checks.

A very attractive golf costume is in the combination of violet corduroy coat and lavender and white taffeta skirt. Silk is none too fine, you see, for a morning on the links. This skirt, of lavender and white striped taffeta is cut in four gores, the stripes arranged obliquely, with inverted pleats at front, back and side seams. The violet corduroy coat is a new model with decided flare below the waistline. It has two belts, one running all the way around and the other across the front only. The Norfolk pleat, running from the upper belt to the bottom of the coat is a new feature. The collar may be worn turned open, or buttoned up close about the throat. With this attractive golf costume goes a new high-crowned sailor of white straw trimmed with shirred lavender ribbon and two tiny lavender flowers.

The golf skirt of white washable golfine has an inconsistent but charming trimming of beaver fur. It is a new model, brought out for Southern wear and one cannot be sure that the smart fur trimming will obtain favor for summer golfing. The style of the skirt is commendable, however, for any season. Gathers, controlled under large pocket motifs at the hips, give the skirt extra fullness without adding to its bulk at the waistline. The sport blouse worn with this skirt is particularly pleasing. Coat sleeve and link-cuff are mannish in style but the broad, low collar is exceedingly graceful and feminine and below the collar is a finely tucked shirtfront with a tiny frill of colored batiste running down the edge.

This Wide Golfing Skirt has Interesting Pockets with Gathers at the Side Seams

Striped Blanket Cloth For Summer Outing Wear.

For golf, tennis or boating, the white blanket cloth costume is to be commended. The short skirt buttons down the front with pearl buttons and over it is worn an admirably cut, loose sport coat of warm but delightfully light blanket cloth with a line of red border that occurs at the edge of the coat, on the sleeve and across the pocket. The coat is shaped by darts which are concealed under curved box pleats running from shoulder to pocket at front and back. Of course this natty sport costume is accompanied by a red and white striped necktie and a red silk band on the soft white felt hat.

A separate sport skirt of white blanket cloth has a border of blue at the hem and oblique pockets of blue with white pearl buttons. The belt is of blue and white kid. A sport coat of the same white blanket cloth flares out from the waistline, buttoning trimly down the front with flat white pearl buttons. There is no color on the coat save at the knee, where a border of orange runs just above the hem, but with the coat goes a muffler of white silk striped with orange. The coat is worn with a pleated skirt of black and white striped serge and a black raffia hat having two silk tomatoes in orange color. Imagine the smart and unusual effect!

The Tennis Maid Clings to Washable White.

Devotees of tennis will have none of the gay colored sport apparel that appeals to adherents of golf; perhaps because white, cool and fresh from the laundress, is the only possible choice for a blazing tennis court on a hot day. Golf is a serene and unwilting pastime. Between strokes, one cools off while strolling over the green; but tennis means a flushed and perspiring face, disarrayed hair and a general blowsiness of appearance which do not accord with rose pink and lavender blouses and burnt orange sport coats. The tennis maid wears a cool, crisp skirt of white linen, a loose shirt of washable silk, neat tennis shoes of white canvas and an excellent coat of green velfour cloth with white buttons and a wide white collar of broadcloth. Her shady hat of white chip draped with soft silk mousseline may be retained during the game if the sun prove very hot.

The Correct Cross-Saddle Riding Suit.

The riding girl loves spring best of all—such a joy it is to canter out in the open when the new season begins; to feel the soft spring breeze against one's face and to watch the green things shooting up in promise of what is to be. Most women who ride affect the cross saddle habit which makes horseback riding so much more comfortable and so much safer; and since almost everybody rides in breeches nowadays, they cause no excitement. They have been accepted as the proper and desirable type of riding attire. One correct riding suit consisted of a coat made of black cheviot bound with braid and the riding breeches of checked worsted.

For the Afternoon Hostess

THE Englishwoman takes such comfort from her afternoon cup of tea; such solace, such recuperation, such rest for worried or weary nerves, that it does seem a pity more of her American sisters do not follow her good example. In America, afternoon tea is a pleasant relaxation—if one has time for it; in England, it is a custom as unalterable as the laws of the Medes and Persians—or the recurrence of the dinner hour.

A good many women, having experienced the delight and comfort of English afternoon tea, have made valiant efforts to establish the custom in their own homes over here; but sooner or later, after the novelty wore off, something more important was sure to interfere with the pleasant little rite. The serving of tea at five o'clock became spasmodic, dependent on other engagements and finally was discontinued altogether. The trouble is, that the afternoon tea custom, over here in America, is more or less of a pose and its artificiality soon makes an end of it, no matter how good are intentions at the start.

In the restaurants, however, it flourishes apace. Tea hour is the most crowded hour of the day and would be the most prosperous hour for mine host of the hostelry except that, at its best, the afternoon snack cannot be made to cost any more than about so much. Even as it is, one pays a rather exorbitant sum—at a fashionable tea place—for the cup that cheers and an accompanying muffin. American women are not tea enthusiasts—not by any means. If they do not prefer hot chocolate with a halo of whipped cream they are likely to enthuse over coffee, also crowned with whipped cream and served with little sweet cakes as a late afternoon pick-me-up. But vast numbers of them insist upon a real pick-me-up as observation in any smart restaurant at tea-hour will attest.

There are households, however, in which the excellent custom of afternoon tea is kept up, year in and year out; and there are hostesses who make a practise of serving afternoon tea regularly on a special at home day every week. Other hostesses who do not bother about afternoon tea every day, because of the press of more important affairs, have a standing order in the kitchen so that when a caller is being entertained of an afternoon, a neat maid—without any evident signal on the part of the mistress—brings in the tea tray and establishes it cosily, quite as though it were a custom in that house every afternoon the year round. This is a pretty hospitality that is rather to be commended, and if there is a bit of pose about it, it is a very harmless one.

A special tea table is a great convenience, for it is awkward when books and photographs must be removed from the living room table to make room for the tea things. One of the Colonial candle tables with hinged top will be excellent. When not in use this table may stand against the wall. The maid can bring it forward and lower its round top in a twinkling, ready for the tea tray. On this tray should be set out the pretty tea cups, teapot—covered in the English fashion with a quilted teacosy—and the small jugs of cream and sugar, with sliced lemon for those who prefer Russian tea. When the tray has been set on its table beside the hostess the maid goes back to the kitchen for the muffin stand; one plate of which will hold slices of thin bread and butter, tiny sandwiches or minute biscuits, halved and spread with butter. On another plate will be little cakes for the guest who has a sweet tooth.

Any maid can be trained to serve tea in this simple manner deftly and perfectly, and without special directions from her employer except "Tea, Ellen," when the bell is answered. But the wise hostess will have the tea served by the new maid many times, when there is no guest in the drawing room, to be sure that the service is quite as it should be.

One muffin stand is of wicker with plates of bright-colored English china. Mahogany muffin stands are handsomer, but they are also heavier than this convenient wicker model. Afternoon tea for one can be daintily served in the guest room when a guest has arrived by a late afternoon train if there is at hand an attractive little teaset.

The convenient muffin stand is first aid to good service of afternoon tea.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON AT NEW LOW PRICES

Renewed Selling in Market Causes Downward Tendency—May Closes 11.40—Loss of 18 to 24 Points

New York, Feb. 24.—Renewed selling in the cotton market today sent prices into new low ground for the movement, with May breaking 25 points under last night's closing figures, and closing at 11.40. The general list closed steady but last prices showed a net decline of from 18 to 24 points for the day.

The market opened steady at an advance of 1 to 5 points. Active months sold about 4 to 5 points net higher right after the call. Nervousness over international politics and the unsettled ruling of the stock market restricted the demand, however, and prices soon eased off under liquidation.

Trading was not general or active, but offerings increased during the middle of the afternoon on rumors that interior points were offering spots at declines, and the market broke very sharply. March sold off at 11.17, July to 11.58 and October 11.77 or 20 to 26 points net lower and about 30 points from the early high level in the case of July deliveries.

The close was steadied by covering, but showed only moderate rallies. Sentiment seemed divided around the ring as to whether the chief factor on the decline had been uneasiness over international affairs or the talk of easier spot offerings in the interior. Weakness in New Orleans was accompanied by considerable New Orleans selling here during the afternoon and local spot brokers were sellers of new crops. Closed steady.

	Open	High	Low	Closing
March	11.32	11.42	11.17	11.19
May	11.64	11.65	11.38	11.40
July	11.84	11.86	11.56	11.59
October	12.07	12.08	11.77	11.80
December	12.22	12.22	11.90	11.93

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 11.30; sales 225 bales.

PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling 11.25; receipts 2,780; exports 15,242; sales 4,065; stock 403,944.

Galveston—Middling 11.65; receipts 3,361; exports 12,802; sales 232; stock 326,557.

Mobile—Middling 10.88; receipts 492; sales 200; stock 20,877.

Savannah—Middling 11 50; receipts 2,660; sales 350; stock 179,546.

Charleston—Middling 11¼; receipts 130; stock 33,716.

Wilmington—Receipts 99; stock 31,116.

Texas City—Receipts 3,078.

Norfolk—Middling 11.38; receipts 1,517; sales 996; stock 127,595.

Baltimore—Stock 4,549.

Boston—Middling 11.55; receipts 313; exports 2,990; stock 12,600.

Philadelphia—Middling 11.55; receipts 224; stock 3,537.

New York—Middling 11.30; exports 893; sales 225; stock 319,755.

Minor Ports—Receipts 2,871; exports 2,871; sales 2,871; stock 35,966.

Total today—Receipts 22,525; exports 34,808; stock 1,569,355.

Total for week—Receipts 138,914; exports 121,087.

Total for season—Receipts 5,438,694; exports 3,372,887.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling 11.50; receipts 3,341; shipments 3,436; sales 4,299; stock 170,572.

Memphis—Middling 11.38; receipts 1,554; shipments 2,326; sales 825; stock 274,834.

Augusta—Middling 11 44; receipts 1,070; shipments 791; sales 1,039; stock 171,206.

St. Louis—Middling 11¾; receipts 13,542; shipments 18,181; stock 18,140.

Cincinnati—Receipts 177; shipments 630; stock 16,364.

Little Rock—Middling 11.63; receipts 665; shipments 239; sales 239; stock 36,797.

Dallas—Middling 11.00.

Montgomery—Middling 11; sales 485.

Total today—Receipts 25,349; shipments 25,603; stock 687,893.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Feb. 24.—Cotton seed oil had a sharp advance early, but later reacted under scattered selling on the weakness in other commodity markets. Support from refiners served to hold the market, the undertone at the close being steady with prices one point lower to one net higher. Sales 35,600 barrels.

Futures closed easier. Spot 9.80 bid; February 9.85 bid; March 9.81 to 9.82; April 9.65 to 9.67; May 9.53 to 9.55; June 9.53 to 9.56; July 9.52 to 9.54; August 9.54 to 9.55; September 9.55 to 9.57.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Feb. 24.—Cotton goods were firm today with a broad demand. Yarns were firm. Fine and fancy dress goods were in active demand for fall. Knit goods were active. Jobbers reported a heavy trade.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Feb. 24.—Turpentine firm, 50½; sales 314; receipts 74; shipments 16; sotck 9,686.

Rosin—Firm; sales 1,461; receipts 873; shipments 243; stock 57,960. Quote: A B, 4.85 to 4.90; C D E, 4.90; F, 4.92½ to 4.95; G, 4.92½ to 5.00; H, 5.00; I, 5.05; K, 5.30; M, 5.60; N, 6.00; WG, 6.25; WW, 6.50.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

Market Breaks Sharply With Final Close 33 to 38 Points Lower.

New Orleans, Feb. 24.—The cotton market broke sharply today and a weak undertone finally landed 32 to 33 points down from the highest and 22 to 28 points under yesterday's close. Selling was induced by unfavorable comment, regarding the United States foreign relations. The close was steady at a net loss of 20 to 24 points. Prices opened 7 to 10 points up on good cables and the small March notices, estimated at only 4,000 bales. Alarming reports of international complications were circulated, however, support was withdrawn and selling increased. At noon them arket stood just above yesterday's close. In the early afternoon the tone was weak and it was not until near the close that any steadiness was shown.

Closed steady. Closing bid: March 10.88; May 11.14; July 11.40; October 11.58; December 11.74.

Spot cotton unchanged. Middling 11.25; sales on the spot 2,600; to arrive 1,465.

WHEAT PRICES COLLAPSE

Drop of 7¼c a Bushel on Reports That Ambassador Bernstorff Was About to be Handed His Passports.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Rumors that Ambassador Bernstorff was about to be handed his passports, smashed down the prices of wheat today 7¼c a bushel. In the collapse, which was from an easrly advance, the May option fell from 1.24¼ to 1.17. The close was excited, 5c to 5¾c under yesterday's finish, with May at 1.17½ and July at 1.14⅝. Other leading staples, too, all showed a decided setback—Corn 1¼ @ 1⅜ to 1⅝; oats 2c, and provisions 12½ to 25c.

Grain and provisions closed:

Wheat	May	1.17½	July	1.14⅝
Corn	May	.76⅝	July	.76½
Oats	May	.44⅝	July	.42⅝
Pork	May	20.65	July	20.60
Lard	May	10.30	July	10.30
Ribs	May	11.35	July	11.47

Cash Grain: Wheat—No 2 red 1.21 to 1.24; No. 3 red 1.18¼ to 1.22.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, nominal; No. 4 yellow 70½ to 73; No. 4 white 71 to 72½.

MARINE.

Arrived.

Str. Chippewa, Maguire, Georgetown, C. J. Becker, agent.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers

Str. Ramsay (Br.), 2,788 tons, Mullan, Alex. Sprunt & Son.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.) 3,289 tons, Holtasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger.) 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)
STAR OFFICE, Feb. 24, 1916.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nominal.
ROSIN—Nominal.
TAR—$2.00-9c.
CRUDE TURPENTINE—$3.50, $3.50, $2.50.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 41c; rosin, $2.80; tar nominal; crude, $2.75, $2.75, $1.50.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	(—)
Rosin	(—)
Tar	80
Crude Turpentine	(—)

Receipts — Same day last year: Spirits turpentine, 5 casks; rosin (—) barrels; tar, 150 barrels; crude turpentine, 5 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—11¼c. Quotations same day last year, 7¾c.

Receipts—26 bales; same day last year 2,385 bales.

Total receipts since August 1st, to date, 105,569 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 164,653 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Wilmington, Feb. 24, 1916.

Atlantic Coast Line—26 bales cotton; 46 barrels tar.

Seaboard Air Line—34 barrels tar.

Total—26 bales cotton; 80 barrels tar.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Feb. 24.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, 55c. to 60c. per bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$1.00.

CORN—$1.75 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7@9c; good demand.

PORK—Small, 8@10c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 17c to 20c.; first class, 27c.

HIDES—Green salt, 12@13c; dry flint, 17@20c per lb.; good demand.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 18c.; sides and shoulders, 14c. to 15c. per pound, good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 35c head. Geese 55c to 60c per head. Ducks, 35c to 50c owing to quality. Turkeys, 18c per lb., alive.; 20c to 22c dressed.

EGGS—18c. dozen.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Feb. 24—North Carolina Peanuts—Market weaker. Fancy hand picked, 75c.; No. 1 machine picked, 70c. per bushel.

Virginia Peanuts — Market weaker. Jumbos, 60c.; fancy hand picked, 55c. No. 1, machine-picked, 50c. per bushel.

Spanish Peanuts—Market weaker. No. 1, small, machine picked, 95c.; Jumbos, 85c. per bushel.

Receipts—Light.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co.) Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Feb. 22.—Spanish — Farmers' stock; market, steady. First quality, $1.10 per bu.; green and dirty, 60c. to 75c. per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock, market steady. Fancy Jumbo, 4c. per lb.; fancy hand picked, 3¾c. per lb.; extra prime, 3½c per lb.; prime, 3¼c. per lb.; shelling stock, 2½c. to 3c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Feb. 24.—Spot cotton steady; good middling 8.08; middling 7.82; low middling 7.47. Sales 5,000; for speculation and export, 1,500; receipts 15,000.

Futures barely steady: February 7.64; February and March 7.60; March and April 7.59½; April and May 7 56¼; May and June 7.55½; June and July 7.53; July and August 7.51; August and September 7.48½; September and October 7.36; October and November 7.32; November and December 7.28½; December and January 7.26; January and February 7.24.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Feb. 24.—Raw sugar easy; centrifugal 96 test 5.02 to 5.05; molasses 4.25 to 4.28; refined, steady.

Butter—Strong.

Cheese—Steady.

Coffee—Spot quiet; Rio 7s, 9¼; Santos 4s, 10¼.

STOCK MARKET IS WEAK

Political Situation at Washington Overshadowing Feature—All Classes of Stocks Affected.

New York, Feb. 24—The overshadowing feature of today's feverishly weak stock market was the fear of a rupture between the executive and legislative branches aof the Federal government, resulting from Germany's proposed extension of its submarine policy. Unsettlement became more pronounced with the progress of the session. Liquidation was a primary factor and the short interest abetted the declining movement by extending its commitments in those specialties thath ave proved most susceptible to pressure in the past.

All classes of stocks were affected but the shrinkage was more severe in the munitions and oil groups. Some slight improvement was shown in the final hour when more encouraging advices from Washington, caused the shorts to cover their contracts in part. Further cause for unsettlement was furnished by the very heavy offerings of Anglo-French bonds. The minimum of 94 registered by this issue marked a decline of 1-8 from its best prices, though a fraction above its minimum figure in the latter part of 1915. The extensive selling of this war issue was attributed to the action of the Du Pont Powder Company directors who yesterday declared an extra dividend of 22 1-2 per cent, payable largely in these bonds.

Facotrs of favorable import included Union Pacific's net increase of $795,000 for January, indications of an amicable settlement of the existing differences between the coal miners and operators and the improved exhibits of the leading financial institutions of the Allies.

Bonds as a whole reflected the heavy tone of the international issue. Total sales par value, were $4,075,000. United States registered 4s advanced 1-2c and coupons 1-4 per cent. on call.

New York Stock List.

Allis Chalmers	28⅞
American Beet Sugar	68
American Can	62⅛
American Car & Foundry	63¾
American Cotton Oil	52
American Locomotive	68
American Smelting	100
American Sugar	112
American Tel. & Tel	127½
American Tobacco	194⅝
Anaconda Copper	87⅝
Atchison	103¼
Atlantic Coast Line	108½
Baldwin Locomotive	106⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	86¾
Bethlehem Steel	470
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	86
Canadian Pacific	168¼
Central Leather	53½
Chesapeake & Ohio	61
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	93½
Chicago, R. I. & Pac. Ry.	118⅝
Consolidated Gas	134
Continental Can	80
Crucible Steel	78
Erie	35⅞
General Electric	169⅜
Great Northern pfd	120¾
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	43¼
Illinois Central	102½
Interborough Consol. Corp.	16⅞
Kansas City Southern	25
Lehigh Valley	76½
Louisville & Nashville	127½
Liggett & Meyers	252
Lorillard Co.	196
Missouri, Kansas & Texas pfd	14¼
Missouri Pacific	4⅝
Mexican Petroleum	103⅝
National Lead	66⅝
New York Central	104¼
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford	66⅞
Norfolk & Western	116
Northern Pacific	112⅜
Pennsylvania	57¼
eRading	77⅝
Republic Iron & Steel	51¼
Seaboard Air Line	18⅜
Seaboard Air Line pfd	36¼
Sloss Shef Steel & Iron	55⅜
Studebaker Corporation	144⅝
Southern Pacific	99⅛
Southern Railway	20⅛
Southern Railway pfd	58
Tennessee Copper	57
Texas Company	204
Texas & Pacific	7½
Union Pacific	133½
United States Rubber	51½
United States Steel	82⅞
United States Steel pfd	116½
Utah Copper	84¾
Virginia Caro. Chem.	46
Va. Iron, Coal & Coke	56
Wabash pfd "B" Ctfs	26
Western Union	88⅛
Westinghouse Electric	65¼
United Fruit	142½

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Feb. 24.—Mercantile paper 3 to 3½. Sterling, 60 day bills 4.71¼; demand 4.76 5-16; cables 4.76⅞. Bar silver 57. Mexican dollars 43½. Government bonds strong. Railroad bonds heavy. Time loans steady, 60 days 2½ to 2¾; 90 days 2¾; six months 3 per cent. Call money steady, high 3; low 1¾; ruling rate 1¾; last loan 2; closing bid 1; offered at 2.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, Feb. 24.—Beeves, no trading. Calves, steady; veals 9.00 to 13.00; culls 7.00 to 8.50.

Sheep—Steady; lambs lower; sheep 5.50 to 7.50; lambs, medium and common, 10.25 to 11.00.

Hogs—No trading.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Hogs, weak; bulk 8.25 to 8.50; light 7.90 to 8.50; mixed 8.15 to 8.50; heavy 8.10 to 8.55; rough 8.10 to 8.20; pigs 6.50 to 7.50.

Cattle—Steady; native beef steers 6.85 to 9.50; stockers and feeders 5.65 to 7.70; cows and heifers 4.25 to 8.25; calves 8.50 to 11.25.

Sheep—Strong; wethers 8.00 to 8.75; ewes 5.75 to 8.75; lambs 8.25 to 11.35.

GERMAN BANK FAILS

Believed Many Krupp Workmen at Essen Lost Their Savings.

London, Feb. 24.—A dispatch to the exchange Telegraph Company from Zurich says:

"The failure of an important bank at Essen-Germany, is announced. It is believed many Krupp workmen lost their savings."

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

February 25, 1916.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 37 degrees; at 8 P. M., 54 degrees; maximum 63 degrees; minimum 34 degrees; mean 58 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .10 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, 2.64 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. yesterday, 5.6 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Fair Friday, colder in east portion. Saturday fair.

The Port Calendar, February 25, 1916.

Sun rises	6:46 A. M.
Sun sets	6:05 P. M.
Day's length	11 hrs. 19 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	2:26	2:36	9:56	9:04
Southport	12:08	11:57	6:34	6:41
Masonboro Inlet	11:57	11:46	6.14	6.21

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS

February 25, 1916.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 p.m.
Abilene	cldy	72	46	.0
Asheville	rain	46	46	1.04
Atlanta	cldy	42	42	.12
Augusta	cldy	58	54	.26
Baltimore	rain	36	..	.14
Birmingham	clear	50	38	.01
Boston	cldy	34	24	.0
Charleston	cldy	66	56	.0
Charlotte	rain	52	50	1.40
Chicago	cldy	42	32	.0
Galveston	clear	68	56	.0
Jaxville	cldy	64	58	.0
Memphis	clear	60	36	.0
Mobile	clear	64	48	.0
Montgomery	clear	52	44	.0
N. Orleans	clear	66	50	.0
New York	rain	34	30	.02
Oklahoma	cldy	60	38	.0
Palestine	clear	74	46	.0
Pittsburg	rain	40	36	.34
Raleigh	rain	54	52	.10
Savannah	cldy	64	56	.01
Shreveport	clear	70	40	.0
St. Louis	cldy	52	32	.0
Washington	rain	36	34	.20

DAVIDSON COLLEGE NOTES

Two Intercollegiate Debates—Jitney Bus Line—Basketball.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Davidson, N. C., Feb. 24.—Announcement has just been made that the Davidson branch of the American Trust Company, of Charlotte, is to change hands. A number of local men have acquired control of this bank and will reorganize it as the State Bank of Davidson. This is the only bank in town and has been running for the past twelve years.

The United Motor Line has started a twelve passenger jitney bus service between Mooresville and Charlotte, a total distance of approximately 28 miles. This bus passes through Davidson three times a day each way. Together with the three trains a day passing through here to Charlotte this gives Davidson easy access to the main line of the Southern and to the Seaboard.

The soph banquet has been postponed from February 21st to the middle of March. It will be held in Charlotte. There are four Wilmington men in this class.

One of Davidson's best men on the basketball floor was called home just previous to the trip last week and hence was unable to be in the games. Recent games that have been played have resulted as follows: A. & M. 35, Davidson 14; Trinity 38, Davidson 22; University of North Carolina 20, Davidson 14; Greensboro Y. M. C. A. 25, Davidson 32; Statesville Y. M. C. A. 17, Davidson 48; Charlotte 28, Davidson 19.

Details for the two intercollegiate debating contests for the teams have been made. The debate with Emory will be held April 17, at Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga., and the debate with Erskine will be held April 7, at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C. The queries for the debates will be, "Resolved,—That the British system of government is more Democratic than that of the United States," and "Resolved,—That the Ship Purchase bill introduced by Mr. Alexander in the House of Representatives, January 31, 1916, should be passed by Congress," respectively.

The earthquake felt so generally over the South last Monday was felt here at Davidson also. No damage was done but those who were in buildings reported that they felt the distinct tremor that shook the building.

J. A. Thames, '18, has been appointed on the Y. M. C. A. cabinet for next year. He is to have special charge of the mission fund.

CONVICTS STILL AT LARGE

Dave Evans and Three Others Have Not Been Re-Captured

(Special Star Correspondence).

Greenville, N. C., Feb. 24.—The other four convicts, including Dave Evans, who killed Mr. McLawhorn, are still at large. There are rumors now that they are here or there or somewhere else, but so far nothing has been learned to lead to any definite clue. Today officers were led to follow a clue from Falkland, saying Evans had been seen near there, which proved fruitless. It was also reported that he was seen with another negro near Ready Branch church about five miles south of here, but investigation failed to find anything like a tangible clue.

A negro man found taking off his clothes, one thing at a time, and throwing them in the fire of the furnace at the big mill just outside the corporate limits, was landed in jail last night late. It is not known whether he was crazy or hiding some crime. By the time the officers got him he was clothed with less than the proverbial "diamond ring and silk stocking."

ADMIRAL VON POHL DEAD

Had Retired Two Days Previous As Commander of German Battle Fleet.

Berlin, via London, Feb. 24.—Admiral von Pohl, whose retirement on account of ill health from the position of commander of the German battle fleet, was announced two day's ago, has died in Berlin.

Vice Admiral von Pohl was appointed chie of the admiralty staff in 1909. In February, 1915, he succeeded Admiral von Ingenohl as commander of the German battle fleet and a Berlin dispatch dated February 22, last, announced his retirement from that position, and the appointment of Vice Admiral Reinhardt Scheer to succeed him.

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$23.35—Goldsboro, N. C., to Pensacola, Fla., and return, account Mardi Gras Celebration, March 2nd-7th, 1916. Tickets on sale Feb. 28th to March 6th, inclusive, with final limit March 17th. Stop-overs permitted.

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No. 90. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 51. 5:30 A.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50. 11:59 P.M. Daily.
No. 64. 5:15 A.M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65. 6:15 P.M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.
No. 48. 7:30 A.M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. Parlor car, Wilmington to Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman service.	Daily. No. 49. 6:05 P.M.
No. 52. 8:45 A.M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52. 8:00 P.M. Daily.
No. 62. 3:25 P.M. Daily.	Jacksonville, Newbern and intermediate stations.	No. 63. 12:50 P.M. Daily.
No. 55. 3:45 P.M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmintogn, August and Atlanta. Pullman cars between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59. 6:30 P.M. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 60. 10:15 A.M. Tues., Thurs., Sat. only.
No. 42. 6:45 P.M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A.M. Daily.

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In Effect November 15, 1915.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave Front and for Winter Park	Leave Front and for Wrights ville	Leave... Front and for Beach	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrights-ville for Wilmington	Leave Beach for Wilmington
.....	.....	.....	a6:26 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a7:36 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	8:01 A. M.	7:50 A. M.	7:40 A. M.
a8:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
.....	.....	.....	b10:31 A. M.	b10:20 A. M.	.....
10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	11:06 A. M.	10:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b1:00 P. M.	b2:06 P. M.	b1:55 P. M.	b1:45 P. M.
a1:10 P. M.	a1:10 P. M.	ae1:10 P. M.	a2:01 P. M.	a1:50 P. M.	af1:46 P. M.
c1:55 P. M.	c1:55 P. M.	.....	c2:46 P. M.	c2:35 P. M.	.....
c d2:35 P. M.	.....	.....	c3:06 P. M.	.....	.....
3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	c3:30 P. M.	.....	.....
3:30 P. M.	.....	.....	4:06 P. M.	3:55 P. M.	3:45 P. M.
c4:10 P. M.	.....	.....	c4:30 P. M.	.....	.....
4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....	5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	.....	6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
6:10 P. M.	6:10 P. M.	.....	6:51 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	.....
6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	e6:40 P. M.	7:21 P. M.	7:20 P. M.	f7:15 P. M.
7:15 P. M.	7:15 P. M.	.....	8:06 P. M.	7:55 P. M.	.....
8:15 P. M.	8:15 P. M.	.....	8:56 P. M.	8:45 P. M.	.....
9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	10:21 P. M.	10:10 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....	10:56 P. M.	10:45 P. M.	.....
1:15 P. M.	11:15 P. M.	.....	11:56 P. M.	11:46 P. M.	.....

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EIGHT MORE MEMBERS OF FORD PARTY RETURN

Expedition Has Already Cost Mr. Ford $400,000

His Business Representative Says Efforts For Peace Will Be Continued By Remaining Delegates—Dr. Jones Talks.

New York, Feb. 24.—Eight more delegates who went to Europe as members of Henry Ford's peace expedition, arrived here today on the Holland-American line Nieuw Amsterdam. Mr. Ford met the ship at quarantine. Gaston Plantiff, his business representative, after Mr. Ford himself left the party to return to America, stated today that the expedition had cost his employer $400,000, and that his peace efforts are to be continued through delegates who remained in Europe.

Dr. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, of Chicago, said that while members of the party "admitted the crudities and incoherences" of the experiment, because "the company was hastily gathered and, therefore, poorly organized," yet "a very definite impression" was made in at least four of the neutral countries.

After discussion the reception given the party by press and public, Dr. Jones concluded:

"Returning members believe that the future work of Mr. Ford and his associates in Europe had better be concentrated at The Hague in co-operation with the 'anti-war council,' which already has very important international connection and an efficient working force, together with the Women's International Committee for Permanent Peace, and kinderd organizations.

"To bring about this co-operation will, in the judgment of this delegation, necessitate a radical reorganization. The time for newspaper publicity and popular agitation has passed. Now the harder task of quiet confidence, wise deliberation and high diplomacy has come. The remaining members of the party, Mrs. Joseph Fels, Dr. C. F. Aked and John Barry, who were elected delegates to the neutral conference, are attending the conference at Stockholm."

The Nieuw Amsterdam arrived here today from Rotterdam and Falmouth and reported having been held up in the Downs by a British patrol ship. Four German stowaways were taken off, and later when she reached Falmouth she was again boarded by British naval officers who removed 255 bags of mail. Only mail destined for Canada and Japan was not disturbed.

GERMAN RAIDER POSSIBLY AT LARGE IN NORTH ATLANTIC

Italian Liner Warned From Halifax to Look Out For Such Vessel.

New York, Feb. 24.—The possibility that a German raider is at large in the North Atlantic was suggested when the Italian liner Giuseppe Verdi from Italian ports on her arrival today reported that she had received a wireless warning from Halifax to be on the lookout for such a vessel. On her last outward trip the Giesuppe Verdi received a similar warning as she approached Gibraltar. The message from Halifax which was received Tuesday gave no details, the officers said, as to the probable location of the raider.

BOMBARD RAILWAY STATION

French Aeroplanes Make Raid Over the Outskirts of Metz.

Paris, Feb. 24—A squadron of French aeroplanes yesterday bombarded a railway station on the outskirts of Metz and a gas tank. A great fire was observed, the war office reports.

TRUANTS FROM SCHOOL MOSTLY WEAK MINDED

Separate School for This Class is Recommended.

Department of Superintendence of the N. E. A. Holds Round Table Discussions—John D. Shoop is Elected President.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 24.—The department of superintendence, National Education Association, today elected as its president John D. Shoop, city superintendent of schools of Chicago. All of the educational associations meeting here this week will also gather at Kansas City in 1917.

Round table meetings of six divisions of the superintendence department was the principal business, outside of the election, disposed of today. These meetings covered a wide range of subjects, but compulsory education and child welfare, seemed to be the more widely discussed.

C. Edward Jones, superintendent of schools of Albany, N. Y., declared that a considerable per cent. of truants from schools have, according to research records, been found to be feeble-minded. Juvenile court cases have yielded a similar percentage, he said, and he added that mental tests of truant children in Albany proved that nine per cent. were utterly imbecile. Mr. Jones recommended the use of a truant school to solve the problem. Truants and other delinquents are sent to this school for 50 days.

Much interest was shown today in programme and entertainment preparations for the annual convention of the National Education Association and its affiliated departments at New York City next July. It was announced that President Wilson will, if possible, address the educators on July 4. It also was said that an attempt is being made to have "one or more ex-presidents" speak on the same day. President David B. Johnson, of Rock Hill, S. C., estimated that 40,000 persons will attend the conventions.

Three "school master-governors" were leading speakers at a meeting tonight. The executives, Frank B. Willis, of Ohio; Martin G. Brumbaugh, of Pennsylvania, and Woodbridge N. Ferris, of Michigan, told numerous incidents connected with their journeys from the country schoolhouse to the executive office.

DISCUSSION CONTINUES IN BRANDEIS HEARING

On Charges Arising From Various Legal Activities

Testimony Yesterday in Ballinger-Pinchot Case, Fight For Control of Illinois Central and Gillette Razor Case.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Charges arising from the legal activities of Louis D. Brandeis in the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation, the fight between E. H. Harriman and Stuyvesant Fish for control of the Illinois Central railroad and the Gillette Safety Razor Company litigation occupied the Senate Judiciary sub-committee investigating Mr. Brandeis' nomination to the Supreme court today.

Mark Sullivan, editor of Collier's Weekly, told the committee that Mr. Brandeis had been employed by Collier's to protect its interests and those of the public during the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation and that no concealing had been made of the employment. Austen G. Fox, counsel for those opposing Mr. Brandeis, charged that Mr. Brandeis was on the record as appearing for L. R. Glavis, a former land official and a central figure in the investigation.

Waddell Catchings, formerly with the law firm of Sullivan & Cromwell, of New York, testified that he sought to employ the firm of Brandeis, Dunbar & Nutter to get proxies for Mr. Harriman in the fight over the Illinois Central. Mr. Nutter told him the firm would not take the commission unless Mr. Brandeis were convinced of the justice of the fight, whereupon Catchings had seen Mr. Brandeis.

For an hour or two, Mr. Catchings said, he had the hardest interview of his life—an interview with Mr. Brandeis—in which the case was outlined. The result was that the Brandeis firm undertook the work, but "Mr. Brandeis was to do nothing and did nothing." On cross-examination Mr. Catchings testified that in 1908 Mr. Brandeis sent to Sullivan & Cromwell a copy of a letter he had written to a Massachusetts legislative committee, saying that he personally never had been employed to get proxies for Mr. Harriman and that Sullivan & Cromwell replied that this statement was correct.

Mr. Fox charges of unprofessional conduct were based on this letter.

Henry T. Richardson and Henry M. Williams, lawyers, testified as to the Gillette Safety Razor Company litigation. The former told of a long list of suits for control of the company in which Mr. Brandeis had represented the litigants on both sides, but said did not care to go so fa ras to charge Mr. Brandeis with bad faith.

FISHING CRAFT BLOWN UP.

Schooner Destroyed by Gasoline Explosion—Two Killed, 10 Hurt.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 24.—The fishing schooner Mary V. Santos with 23 men on board, was blown up in the harbor by an explosion of gasoline today. Harry Fisher and Prescott Bent were killed and ten others of the crew were injured. The schooner sank soon after a rescue fleet of tugs and dories had taken off those of the crew who had escaped injury. Outward bound for her home port, Provincetown, the schooner had stopped off a fish pier in South Boston to take on a stock of gasoline from an oil barge. Several cans had been taken aboard when the explosion occurred.

SUFFRAGISTS TO MAKE COUNTRY-WIDE APPEAL

To Congress for Adoption of Suffrage Amendment

New York State Women Yesterday Considered Steps to Induce Political Parties to Make Pledge in National Platforms.

New York, Feb. 24.—Suffragists of New York state, at the first of a series of state conferences under the auspices of the American Woman Suffrage Association, considered here today steps which could be taken to induce the Democrats and Republicans to insert in their national platforms planks pledging support of a proposed federal constitutional amendment granting the vote to women. The aim of the conferences, the second of which will be held in Boston tomorrow, is a concerted nation-wide appeal to Congress to adopt the amendment

Speaking of the fight to be made before the conventions, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, national president, said she was almost ready to hope for a combination between the Republicans and Progressives because the latter party is pledged to suffrage. The nature of the appeal is to be made to the Democrats at St. Louis, she said, was still a secret, but she confided that one feature would be a "walkless parade."

One of the faults of the last campaign in New York, Mr. Catt declared, was the sense of impending defeat felt by some of the women.

"There were just enough of you women," she said, "who felt that way, and who resignedly went to mountain or seashore, to bridge parties or dances instead of fighting, to throw the balance the other way."

State leaders, she said, have not been giving the national movement sufficient support.

Mrs. Alice Duer Miller, speaking of the efforts to convert Congress to the cause, said the very men who voted in Washington against suffrage because of the "fear of sacrificing the home," found it expedient to vote negatively on the child labor proposition. These men declined to appropriate $29,000 for a child labor inquiry, but they voted $600,000 for the preservation of fish and game."

DENSE FOG ENVELOPES COAST; SHIPS DELAYED

Cutter Goes to Assist Vessel Reported Aground

Several Steamers Between Cape Lookout and Chesapeake Bay Happen to Accidents — Australian Cruiser on Guard.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 24.—For the past 24 hours the entire Atlantic coast from Norfolk to Cape Lookout and Chesapeake Bay, has been enveloped in a dense fog. Steamers arriving here were from 6 to 24 hours late and several are reported to have gone ashore. The Old Dominion steamer Brandon arrived here at 8 o'clock tonight, 12 hours overdue. She was ashore all of last night in the James river at Chaffin Bluff, about 7 miles below Richmond. An unidentified steamer was reported to be in distress at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon in Chesapeake Bay about two miles off Plum Tree Point. The coast guard cutter Onondaga went to the assistance of the vessel, but her identity had not been learned at a late hours tonight. The wrecking tug North America, left here tonight to assist an unknown steamer ashore at Cape Lookout.

The coast guard cutter Seminole has been ordered out to assist this vessel.

An unidentified Spanish steamer was ashore off Cape Henry at 6 o'clock tonight, but got off unassisted.

The Australian Cruiser Sydney, which gained fame early in the present war by fighting and disabling the German cruiser Emden, which raided shipping in the pacific, is doing guard duty off the Virginia capes, according to a report brought to Norfolk. The cruiser was spoken by and is said to have given position to a steamer which was trying to make Cape Henry during the heavy fog which overhung the waters in the vicinity of the capes all day yesterday.

The Seminole was still at her dock at this port this morning at 3 o'clock, but it is probable that she will leave this morning some time.

STORM OVER CAROLINAS

Warnings Ordered Hoisted From Cape Hatteras to Boston.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Storm warnings were ordered hoisted by the weather bureau today from Cape Hatteras to Boston. The storm, which was central yesterday over the lower Mississippi valley, has advanced eastward with increased intensity and this morning its center was over the Carolinas. Indications were that the storm would advance along the coast, incressing in intensity and would cause gales along the coast north of Hatteras. Colder weather is promised for the southeastern states.

BIG SPRING OFFENSIVE?

Verdun Battle Regarded in London as Long Expected Move of Germans.

London, Feb. 25.—The great Verdun battle which is being watched in England with keen interest, but thus far without anxiety, is regarded here as the long expected bigger spring offensive. It is pointed out that the French, profiting by their earlier experiences in the war, now rarely hold their advanced trenches strongly and that, therefore, their withdrawal at some points to the second line is no sign of weakness.

On the other hand, it is believed that the French generals are pursuing the tactics of allowing the enemy to assault in masses which involves enormous sacrifices to the Germans. The military critics point out that after three days of desperate assault the French second line defenses are still intact everywhere.

The Times says it has information that the French are more than usually confident and serene and are inclined to contemplate the German onslaught with considerable satisfaction.

The Times correspondent at Paris hints that dynastic reasons lead the Germans to attack Verdun. He expresses the belief that General von Bothmer has been brought from the Eastern front to conduct the operations and admits that the crown prince's army has been heavily reinforced from Metz.

MAN ARRESTED IS BELIEVED TO BE "DR." T. GRANT LYMAN

Is in Jail at St. Petersburg, Fla.—Refuses to Answer Question.

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 24.—A man answering the description of "Dr." J. Grant Lyman, wanted in New York for alleged swindles involving more than $300,000, was arrested late today on a yacht at St. Petersburg, Fla. He was put in jail at St. Petersburg where he declined to answer questions as to his identity.

The man arrested was said to have with him on the yacht several trunks and suit cases containing an elaborate wardrobe, $14,905 in cash and a certified check for $5,964 payable to the bearer and drawn on the "Manhattan Company, of New York." There were several endorsements on the check, police said, the last one being the name of "John H. Putnam & Company."

New York, Feb. 24.—Lyman disappeared from New York two weeks ago after exposure of the stock swindling operations of the firm of John H. Putnam & Company, of which he was the head. He is alleged to have obtained more than $300,000 by illegal use of the mails.

BATTLESHIP PENNSYLVANIA FORCED TO SUSPEND TRIALS

Caught in Snow Storm Off Owl's Head. To be Resumed Today.

Rockland, Me., Feb. 24.—The superdreadnaught Pennsylvania, built at Newport News, racing over the measured mile course off Owl's Head on her standardization runs today, was caught in a snow storm which obscured the range marks, and forced a suspension of the tests. Twelve runs had been made, three each at eight, ten, 15 and 17 knots speed, before the snow fell. The 19 and 21 knot and high speed runs will be made tomorrow, after which it is expected the vessel will put tot sea for more extended trials.

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WILSON WILL CONSENT TO NO ABRIDGEMENT OF RIGHTS OF AMERICANS

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lously given would be observed, but that they applied only to unarmed vessels, and would propose discussion of what defensive armament properly may be. How far such a proposal would go toward altering the situation is said to depend largely upon additionaly information as to how armed British merchantmen are said to have warred on German submerisibles, which is now on the way to Washington by mail.

Today's developments in Congress showed the administration leaders holding their lines against any such action as the President opposes.

Leaders Prevent Action.

Congress was calmer today after yesterday's flurry of agitation for action to warn Americans off armed ships. Senate and Houseleaders saw to it that none of the proposals found their way into open and their attitude had a quieting effect. Advocates of action insisted, however, that they had merely agreed to wait until they could be more fully informed about the administration's diplomatic negotiations.

Senator Gore made an unsuccessful effort to introduce a concurrent resolution expressing the sentiment of Congress that Americans should keep off armed ships, and also a bill requiring Americans in procuring passports to take oath that they would not travel on such ships. Introduction of these measures required unanimous consent and objection was made by Senator Brandegee, Republican.

Tonight Senator Gore said that he would ask tomorrow that the concurrent resolution lie on the table for a day. He had no disposition to discuss, he said, unless a motion should be made to refer it to the Foreign Relations committee.

Three Resolutions in House.

On the House side Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, the first Republican to appear as a supporter of warning legislation, introduced a bill similar to the Gore passport measure, which was referred to the Foreign Affairs committee. Representative Hilliard, Democrat, of Colorado, also introduced a resolution. These will be considered by the committee, together with the McLemore resolution, urged by many champions of legislative action on the subject.

Speaker Clark became interested in the situation today and after informal discussion with Senator Stone, Representative Flood and others regarding the agitation, it was agreed that the speaker, Mr. Flood and Majority Leader Kitchin should consult with the President on the issue.

Senator Stone thought he would not go with them unless summoned, but he kept in constant touch with all negotiation during the day and late in the evening sent a special message to the President by private messenger. The contents he did not disclose.

Senator Stone strongly counselled against any hastey step that might disturb diplomatic negotiations. He conferred with many Senators on the subjects and later stated:

Few Republicans Favor Action

Senators Gore and Hoke Smith were very active throughout the day, sounding the sentiment of the Senate. Senator Stone also participated in this canvassing, talking briefly with the Republicans, among whom he is said to have found few supporteds for the agitated action. Senator Smith was said to have discovered the large number of Democratic senators believed some step should be taken eventually, but that few were prepared to commit themselves to any action just at this time.

Majority Leader Kitchin, of the House, who is known to favor the resolution if its passage would prevent the United States from going to war, maintained what he termed the attitude of a "spectator" during the day's activities. He was willing, he said, to accompany any delegation to the White House to help express the sentiment of Congress as he saw it, but he declined to enter active into the controversy.

Leader Kitchin Talks.

"I hope," he said in a statement tonight, "that the President and Congress will get together on some proposition so it will remove all demand for any resolution. If there is real co-operation between the two branches of the government, Congress and the executive, I am sure that some proposition will be worked out and there will be no troubles between this country and Germany or the President and Congress."

Representative Glass, of Virginia, issued statement saying heh ad been unable to discover any "revolt" against the President's policy. "There are some men, but precious few," he said, "who seem willing to haul down the American flag and circumscribe the rights of American citizens on the high seas in order to save a bale or two of cotton."

In the course of the afternoon Senator Underwood conferred with Speaker Clark, and Senator Gore discussed the matter with Mr. Kitchin.

Senator Gore issued a statement today declaring "it seems to me the ship of State is drifting or driving headlong upon the breakers. I do not say deliberately, but I fear, directly upon the breakers."

"I doubt if Germany will consent to vouchsafe immunity to armed merchant vessels," he said. "I do not believe that public opinion in the United States would justify a war with Germany on account of her refusal to grant a safe conduct to such ships."

The statement declares guns aboard merchant ships are a survival of the times when pirates and privateers roamed the seas, and that a time when travel upon such ships jeopardizes the Nation's peace there is no real sacrifice of National honor and dignity by refusing to do so.

Reports that political influence of the views of former Secretary Bryan, who quit the cabinet on the armed ship issue, were concerned in the agitation were denied on all hands by those who favor action.

ROBBERS HOLD UP TRAIN.

Engine Crew Forced to Haul Baggage and Express Cars Into Forest.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 24.—The Northern Pacific's east-bound North Coast limited train, was held up tonight a mile and a half east of Covington, 25 miles east of Seattle. The robbers uncoupled the baggage and mail cars and compelled the engine crew to haul the two cars up the track into a mountain forest.

A short time after the baggage, mail cars and engine disappeared passengers in the car left standing on the track heard an explosion. It is supposed the robbers dynamited the express safe.

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